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MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mission bill gains House approval

■ As measure moves on to Senate, lawmakers remain optimistic

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY—The bill that would give Missouri Southern \$2.2 million and an international mission finally passed the House Tuesday night.

The legislation, which also includes a mission statement for Missouri Western State College, contains funds for the College to implement a master's degree program in accounting and a bachelor's degree in manufacturing technology.

The bill almost died in the House two weeks ago, but at that time it was combined with proposed mis-

sion statements from Central Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University as well as a recategorization for Linn Technical College.

Sponsor Rep. Gary Witt (D-Platte City) and other proponents asked to have the bill reconsidered, but on its own.

"Having it by itself gave us what we needed to get it through," Witt said.

Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia), the leading opponent to the bill in the House, said he wasn't opposed to the Missouri Western mission but

concentrated on degrading the importance of Southern's mission.

"I cannot understand how anyone came up with the idea of how Missouri Southern should have this mission," he said.

Jacob's major complaint was funding. He said the College would keep coming back to the General Assembly, year after year, to ask for more funding to fulfill the mission.

"You tell me where the money is going to come from," he said. "We should come back next year with a comprehensive plan for higher education."

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I cannot understand how anyone came up with the idea of how Missouri Southern should have this mission.

Jacob also argued that several other schools in the state are more deserving of an international mission than Southern, such as the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Although the bill has won approval in the House, it still must be approved by the Senate where it will be carried by Sid Johnson (D-Agency). Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), co-sponsor, said the Senate could go either way on the bill.

"Sid Johnson seems to think he has enough votes to get it through," Burton said.

Another question is whether the Senate, which hasn't begun debate on House bills yet, will have enough time to debate the bill with just three weeks remaining.

"They've got time," Burton said. "This bill is way down on the list, so it's probably going to be taken up during last week turmoil." □

Nursing master's bill dies in conference

The Missouri legislature dismissed legislation Tuesday that would have given Missouri Southern students a chance to graduate with a master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), would have appropriated \$175,000 to the program. The money had been recommended by Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education.

Singleton said he didn't know why the plan was voted out by the House conference committee.

"You'd have to ask them," he said. "The CBHE didn't approve the plan until April 6, so it didn't have much time."

"House members get touchy," he added. "If they haven't heard public testimony, they get a little touchy."

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said he wasn't surprised that the legislation was dropped.

"Even though the Coordinating Board approved it, those type of appropriations typically don't get through in the first year," Burton said. □

THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Barn raising set for 1997

■ Plans call for a target date of completion in April or May 1997

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

Almost five years after it burned to the ground, the Barn Theatre seems poised to rise from the ashes.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said a replacement project with an estimated cost of \$650,000 is under way. Construction is likely to begin in July 1996 with a completion date around April or May 1997.

Despite having the blueprints for the estimated nine-month project already drawn up, Tiede said awarding a construction contract will take some time.

"These are just preliminary plans," he said. "We haven't even got into the detail aspects necessary for the bidding process."

The 80-foot by 80-foot "black box" theatre will be added to the north side of Taylor Auditorium. According to Tiede, the new structure will provide the theatre department with more flexibility than its antiquated predecessor. The black box setting will allow for

HISTORY OF THE BARN THEATRE

□ 1927

Built as a grooming center for prize herds on the 618-acre Mission Hills Estate.

□ June 1966

Renovation of the barn begun by Milton Bretzke, director of theatre, and Duane Hunt, assistant professor of theatre.

□ Oct. 21, 1967

Actor Dennis Weaver participates in dedication ceremonies. The theatre department presents its first play in the Barn, "Anna Karenina."

□ May 1976

The four-day performance of "Grants in the Earth" ends the theatre department's nine-year stay in the Barn Theatre. Taylor Auditorium is nearly ready for occupancy.

□ 1988

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, decides to return several productions to the "intimate" setting of the Barn.

□ November 1989

"The Diviners" is the final full-scale theatre production to be held in the Barn.

□ Feb. 13, 1990

An inspection by a Joplin fire safety official uncovers at least 14 hazards, including the lack of a sprinkler system.

□ Feb. 16, 1990 The Barn is closed for occupancy. Repair estimates are in the \$88,000 range.

□ October 1990

The Student Senate establishes a "Save the Barn" committee "to see if it is a cause worthy of raising \$200,000."

□ Nov. 22, 1990

Much of the Barn's upper level and roof are destroyed by fire.

□ Nov. 23, 1990

A state fire investigator finds evidence that the fire was intentionally set. A \$5,000 reward is offered.

adjustments in stage position and seating.

Most of the money will derive from the College's internal revenue. The College received a \$99,414 insurance settlement soon after the 1990 blaze. Approximately \$300,000 in gifts received by the College since then are undesignated and can be used to help finance construction, Tiede said.

Besides freeing Taylor Auditorium for other activities, Tiede said

the Barn Theatre will serve many purposes.

"This will give them the ability to have an actual theatre setting," he said. "It will help in terms of productions, particularly the small, student-directed type of plays. And I think they will also use it as classroom space as well."

Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department, said courses such as acting, directing, oral interpretation, and lighting will meet in the



FILE PHOTO/The Chart

The Barn Theatre goes up in flames on Nov. 22, 1990. The next day, fire investigators discovered that the fire had been deliberately set. Plans are in the works to build a new Barn adjacent to Taylor Auditorium.

new space. He believes the building will be a welcome addition to the department.

"Taylor is not a theatre," Fields said. "And we've gone almost five years now of trying to improvise a theatre on that stage. Because

Taylor seats 2,036, it's impossible to play intimate, small shows in a house that size."

Fields pointed out that most other colleges and high schools have two theatres, so this will put Southern up in par.

"It will just be a real thrill to have that because we're not used to that," Fields said. "So when high school kids come here, this will be a real drawing card to attract them." □

NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

College keeping ahead of reaccreditation cycle

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

In 1997, Missouri Southern will face the intense scrutiny which accompanies the 10-year reaccreditation cycle.

College administrators already have initiated a self-evaluation process to prepare for that scrutiny by the North Central Association.

"We will do an honest appraisal of our strengths and concerns," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "We determine what our concerns are—that's what is so wonderful about this process. It is a self-analysis."

"Our accreditation goes back to the history of the College," Bitterbaum said. "After you have been accredited, if all goes well, every 10 years you will go through the process of reaccreditation."

Bitterbaum said a team of representatives from peer institutions will visit the College in 1997-98 to evaluate its programs.

"It's a timeline, and we're starting

about 30 months before the team will come," he said.

Dr. Larry Martin, incoming dean of the school of arts and sciences; Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim dean of the school of education and psychology; Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment; Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology; and Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, recently accompanied Bitterbaum to a North Central conference in Chicago.

"We were there for three to four days going to meetings every day about the self-study process," Bitterbaum said. "We think we have a very good sense of what our responsibilities are, and we will begin the process very shortly."

College faculty will be involved in committees which will look into the five criteria and report to a larger committee. Martin and Griffin are co-chairs of this committee.

Martin said he and Griffin have made no initial decisions about where to start the investigation. □

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Vazquez set to assume new post in mathematics

■ Bitterbaum cites new department head's teaching, leadership

By JOHN HACKER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Three years after pinning Missouri Southern's mathematics department, Dr. Juan Vazquez will soon take over its leadership.

Vazquez has been named to head the department, replacing Dr. Larry Martin who recently was appointed dean of the school of arts and sciences.

Vazquez, who came to Missouri Southern in 1992 and served as an assistant professor of mathematics, was chosen after an internal search. "We called in each member of the math faculty and asked them if they wanted an internal or external search," Martin said. "The majority said they wanted an internal search. We asked them if they were willing to serve or who other than them-

selves they would like to see in the job."

Martin said Vazquez brings good traits other than his credentials to the job.

"[The person for this job] had to work well with the faculty so the math department will remain harmonious," Martin said. "I think the people in the department will work well with him."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said Vazquez' character will serve him well in his new job.

"Juan is an excellent teacher and a fine mathematician," Bitterbaum said. "He also shows excellent leadership skills. He's worked with the international mission committees as well as other committees on campus."

Vazquez, a native of Puerto Rico, said he has received good support from the faculty in the department.

"When the position opened up, many in the math department encouraged me to apply," he said.



FILE PHOTO/The Chart

Dr. Juan Vazquez will become mathematics department head this summer when Dr. Larry Martin takes over as dean of the school of arts and sciences.

"The faculty has been very positive, and one of the reasons I was interested in the position was the superb faculty."

Vazquez will take over when Martin moves up to the dean's

office. Bitterbaum said the transfer probably will take place sometime around July 1.

Bitterbaum said the College will initiate a search for a new mathematics instructor in the fall.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 4/13/95 LOT 33 9:40 a.m. Tracy Little was backing her Mitsubishi Eclipse out of a parking space in the lot by the Biology Pond and hit Jeanne O'Donnell's Toyota Tercel, which was facing the wrong direction.
- 2** 4/14/95 HEARNES HALL 9:15 a.m. A College gardener was cutting grass and threw a rock, which shattered the driver's side window of a parked van. The owner of the van was notified and offered restitution.

STUDENT SENATE

'Crossroads' may lose funding

■ Senate to give students opportunity to vote for reallocation of student fees

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

As a result of the latest Student Senate resolution, *Crossroads: the Magazine* could lose almost half of the funding it receives from the student body.

Freshman senator Jason Talley submitted the resolution requesting that \$2 of the \$5-per-person *Crossroads* fee be redirected to the Student Senate.

Shelby Hesterly, Senate vice president, protested the redirection of fees to the Senate.

"I agree that not all the funds should go to *Crossroads*," she said. "But I don't think we should say who gets the other \$2."

However, Talley believes the

Senate should redirect the remaining funds.

"Aren't we an administrative body?" Talley asked. "Isn't it our role to decide where student fees should go?"

Many of the senators were in disagreement as to where the funds should go, but they agreed *Crossroads* should undergo a 40 percent budget cut.

"They have a lot of money," Talley said. "They went under-budget this year and last year. They can afford it."

Jennifer Kuncel, senior senator, took another tact in support of taking funding from *Crossroads*. She held up a two-page smoking illustration in the magazine's last issue, proclaiming, "This is trash."

"This is a non-smoking campus," she said. "Students paid for this. I personally do not want to see anything like this published on this campus again."

John Weedn, junior senator, suggested giving all students the chance to give their input at the next Senate election, May 1-2.

"In 1985, the Student Senate recommended that \$5 go to a student publication," he said. "The student body unanimously approved. I think we should give our student body the same opportunity."

The Senate agreed to include the question on the next ballot.

In other business, Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, amended the student health insurance plan he introduced at last week's meeting. As it turns out, the policy is an accident policy, not the full-coverage medical plan as was intended.

"The price is still \$10, but it does not cover health and sickness—it's strictly an accident plan," Dolence said. "It still covers above and beyond any other accident policies students may have." □

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

'95 outstanding grad credits God for award

■ Award recipient to attend Oklahoman Osteopathic school after graduation from Missouri Southern

Brandon Rhinehart has been named the 1995 Outstanding Graduate at Missouri Southern. The premed major and chemistry minor will be honored at the 19th annual honors convocation at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium.

The awards committee of the College's Alumni Association made the selection based on Rhinehart's campus activities, character, leadership, and grade-point standing.

He is president of the Pre-Professional Biology Club and a member of the Omicron Delta

Kappa leadership honor society and Phi Eta Sigma honor society. Other campus activities include serving as an Orientation leader and in the Hammons Program.

Rhinehart also is in the Student Athletic Training Program and served as head student athletic trainer for two years. In that program, he has amassed 1,900 clinical hours and was named outstanding athletic training intern.

Since high school, Rhinehart has been preparing for a career in medicine.

"Beginning in my sophomore year in high school, Dr. Thomas Moore, a cardiologist at St. John's Medical Center, learned of my interest in medicine and invited me to follow him on his rounds

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PASSING THE TIME



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Vicki Nelson, sophomore math major, passes extra time with a game of Jenga yesterday afternoon in the McCormick Hall lounge.

ENROLLMENT

Freshman applications up nearly 200 over '94

■ GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Due mainly to the efforts of admissions personnel, the number of applications for freshmen enrollment has increased from last year by nearly 200.

At this time last year, the applications totaled 1,267, compared to 1,448 this year.

"It's not enrollment," said Richard Humphrey, director of admissions. "The number of applications we have received this year has increased over the numbers we had at the same time last year."

Humphrey said the increase is due mostly to the efforts of the College's admissions counselors. "Clay Deem and Robin Hicklin

are calling more often at schools and taking follow-up methods to keep in touch with prospective applicants," he said.

Deem, admissions counselor, said the numbers are not guaranteed.

"Yes, we've gotten 200 more people to apply, but how many will enroll?" he said. "We still have to service that applicant."

Deem and Hicklin concentrate on recruiting from area high schools and have organized several tours of Southern's campus each semester.

"It's important that people get a good first impression of the campus," Deem said. "We have made a big push to get people to apply early to their top three schools, and it is a big push all across the country."

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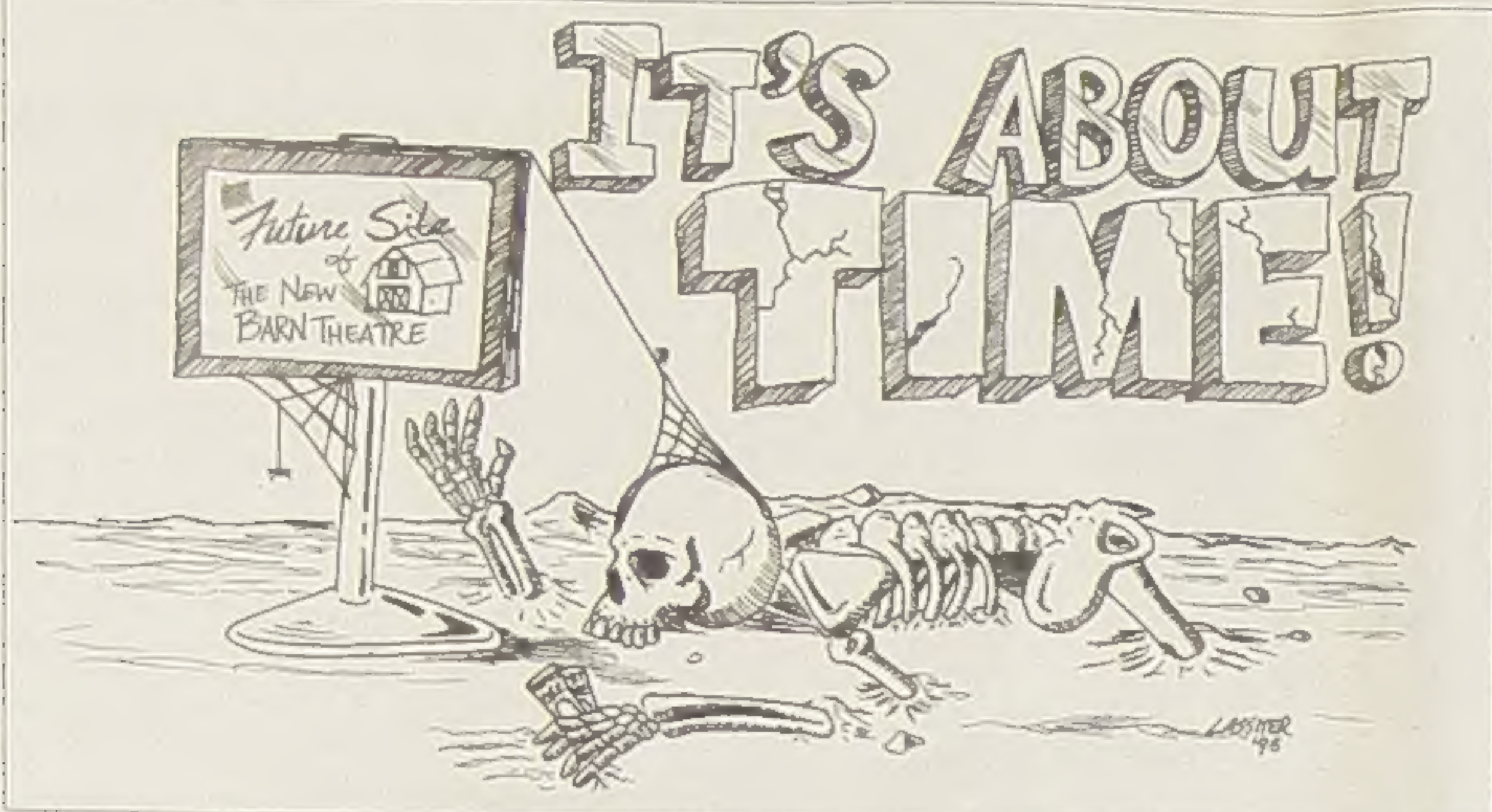
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Keep the Barn project alive

If all goes according to plan, Missouri Southern could have a replacement for the Barn Theatre within two years. Unfortunately, that is a big "if."

Ever since the Barn was consumed by flames in 1990, the College has been pondering replacement of the structure. Financially, it is within reach. Almost \$400,000 is available to get the project moving, but the big hitch to paying the bills on this one is in the Missouri General Assembly.

Funding to retire the principal and pay off the interest on the loan to finance Webster Hall is what Southern needs to make all the financial pieces fall into place.

The trouble is, Southern always seems to come up on the short end of the fund-

ing stick in Jefferson City. While the College's funding per full time equivalent students continues to decline, the University of Missouri System's FTE share is growing. We hope the new Barn does not become yet another dream unrealized because of the inability of lawmakers to look beyond the monolithic system when doling out the dollars.

Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department, has said the new facility would allow for production of plays in an intimate setting where the audience could become part of the experience.

Additionally, Fields says the new Barn would help lure prospective students to Southern.

We urge local legislators and College officials to keep this project alive. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Silence powerful, but dangerous if used poorly

I'd like to respond to Genie Undernehr's column in the April 13 issue of *The Chart*. Genie wrote a column explaining why she doesn't like to verbally express herself as much as people would like her to, and she (or perhaps it could have been another editor) titled her column "The Power of Silence." Whatever benevolent powers silence does actually have, such as enabling one to resist being buckstered into wasteful, pointless conversations with presumably wasteful, pointless human beings, I was alarmed that Genie readily exposed the more unsavory "powers" of silence.

For instance, Undernehr rhetorically asks if anyone has ever felt the natural urge to break the tension that silence brings to various situations by asking a question. OK, then. Silence causes discomfort. She writes that silence is an effective way to intimidate people. Terrific! How many of *The Chart's* readers will be on that side of the desk for a job interview this year?

Genie admitted that she likes to keep her opinions to herself at the risk of seeming snobbish to people who don't know her. Here is where I am most moved to respond, because I have met Genie Undernehr—have a class with her, in fact—and I can honestly say that she is not at all snobbish. I am not one of the assumably few people who knows her well, but I can say that she uses a warm, thoughtful smile to make her silences more bearable (see column mug shot, *The Chart*, April 13). And I'm surprised that she mentions a wide range of messages that can be conveyed by an absence of words without also explaining that it's not the silence that conveys the message, but the visual forms of expression that one must use that makes such communication possible. Playwrights know this:

Young boy: "Hey, Mom! I got a 'B' on my final exam! What do you think about that?"

Mother of young boy: (smiles approvingly, but says nothing).

I assume most communications majors know this also. Even shy ones. In all fair-

ness, I doubt that space or time allowed Genie to explain herself as effectively as she could have. And the truth is that I know what she means and almost totally agree with her, and hope that this letter won't be interpreted as a rebuttal, but as an addition to Genie's column.

After all, silence is powerful, when used properly and in the right situation. But the person who also appreciates the power of the spoken, or written word, and enhances that power by using silence when it is advantageous is the one who has the real power, whether that be in the home, in the classroom, or in the professional world. And nobody should be fooled by the person who comes out of their shell only long enough to announce that they have nothing to say. Listen. And they will tell you more than you ever dreamed of.

Brian Webster
Senior English major

Government should apologize for Hiroshima

An open letter to President Clinton: I viewed with interest your news conference last evening. You are a good speaker and most of what you said was, in my opinion, well put. However, when it came to the question about the American nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima half a century ago, I must disagree that "Mr. Truman did the right thing" and feel that you missed an opportunity to help heal old wounds and to encourage the sort of genuine friendship between the American and Japanese people, especially the younger generations, which I know you believe in.

After the attention that you and your government have been directing at encouraging statesmen elsewhere to forego the perils of having a "nuclear weapons capability," your statement

that "Mr. Truman did the right thing" with nuclear weapons in 1945 will seem, in the eyes of many, to discredit these efforts. Recent scholarship has shown that President Truman and his advisers were aware that the Japanese government, before Aug. 6, was virtually ready to surrender if only they could be assured that the institution of the emperorship could be allowed to continue, something which the American government had already considered and in fact later allowed as a "condition" for the new era of Japan-America peace and cooperation.

Alternatively, Truman could have ordered a "demonstration" nuclear explosion over, say, Tokyo Bay. As for the bomb that exploded over Nagasaki, few historians will exonerate Truman for lack of restraint and pragmatic communication

with his adversaries in Tokyo. Even Douglas MacArthur, in his later years, saw the development and "use" of nuclear weapons as a mistake.

I am hoping that you, as our first president born after the advent of nuclear weapons, will go down in history as a truly effective leader in persuading all states to give up ambitions for the production, deployment, or stockpiling of these diabolic means of mass destruction. Perhaps later this year, you and Japan's prime minister could take a major step forward through some sort of a joint apology for the mistakes at both Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima. Sometimes apologies work.

Bill Carter
Assistant professor
of Russian and Japanese

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Bibles and fairy tales

Lutheran turned atheist dismisses Christianity

We all need something to believe in to keep us going. But when it comes to religion, well, that's one thing I gave up on a few years ago.

I went to a Lutheran grade school and graduated from the third largest Lutheran high school in the country. Yet, I questioned almost everything they tried to teach me about God. Religion class proved more frustrating as the years went by. The more I read the Bible, the more my intelligence was insulted with its off-the-wall stories. I really started to ask questions when the Bible started to read like a children's book.

I asked myself, "How can I call myself a Christian if I feel that 95 percent of the so-called 'Word of God' is nothing but a fairy tale?"

When I stopped going to church on Sunday mornings, the world didn't stop spinning nor was I struck by lightning when I sinned. God to become an atheist. It actually felt good to start thinking for myself instead of having school teachers and pastors spoon feed me what they want me to know.

When a student at my high school stood up in class to voice an opinion based on religion that didn't coincide with Christianity, he was told to shut up and sit down by the instructor. I felt this wasn't right, and I knew then they were trying to hide something.

They say it's all based on faith. But for me, devoting your lifestyle to something we have no proof of is what I call blind faith.

I now realize I was receiving a sheltered education. My schools failed to mention the Bible's supposed origin from the Epic of Gilgamesh or even touch on the viewpoints of noted atheists Mark Twain, Ernest Nagel,

and David Hume. It was a philosophy class I took in my sophomore year at Meramec Community College in St. Louis that totally reinforced what I was thinking. The science courses I have taken also provide me with the facts needed to justify my claim.

I just didn't wake up one day and become an atheist. It took years of thought and observation. Because I have come to the conclusion that there is no everlasting life in a heaven, I believe in enjoying life to its fullest while I can. Christians, to me, are people afraid of accepting death. They use their religion to

mask the fact that we only live once.

Believing in a supernatural, supposedly all-powerful being up there who actually lis-

By Dan Wiszkon
Arts Editor



tens to us and even gives a damn about what we do is ridiculous. It is so egotistical and phony to live your life the way somebody scribbled on a dyed palm tree leaf 2,000 years ago. The Bible could have been written by some nut case, for all we know.

They say man was created in God's image, yet there are hundreds of people of different cultures and skin colors throughout the world. These obviously are different images, so which one of them is God's image?

I feel I will get more out of life as an atheist. No longer will I sit in church wasting my money and time wondering what the pastor is talking about. I don't even think he knows what he's preaching half the time.

I'm not writing about atheism to convert anyone nor am I intending to trash anyone's beliefs. All I want to do is make people think about what they're doing. Stop and think a minute about the other points of view. You'll be surprised at what you might learn. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Reaching for peace

Symposium to study attempts to stabilize Middle East

On Wednesday night, April 26, the social science department will offer to the College and community a symposium on international issues. This is the third such symposium during the past five years that I have organized and with the help of my departmental colleagues presented to the public.

In 1990 the topic was "The Fall of the Wall" (the removal of the Berlin wall); in 1992 we pondered the "Demise of the Soviet Union."

Our topic now is "The Peace Process," a review of the history and progress of the Arab-Israeli peace accords which have attempted to bring a regional and international stability to the Middle East. Prominent in this process are the major efforts of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Jordan, and Israel.

The format for the symposium is the same as the former programs; various presenters will address phases of the issues at hand, how they have come into existence, and the potential outcomes. Essentially we will attempt to present both "sides," the Arab and Israeli. In doing so, local professors and community members will first address the issues and perspectives of the topic, then off campus guests will be the featured speakers.

Our symposium will feature the consular-general from the Israeli Consulate in Chicago and the dean of arts and sciences from the University of Jordan (who is a visiting professor at the University of Virginia this academic year). Their off-campus expertise and respective backgrounds should provide an international, worldly perspective.

Many of you may wonder or ask, "So just how does this relate to me?" "Why should I be interested in this topic or program?" Challenging questions—rightfully asked—honestly put! How can I respond?

Experience with our past efforts at this type of education enables me to tell you that these live performances feature good speakers who are cogent, interesting, and intelligent. These are human qualities which seem to be universally admired.

Contrasting viewpoints and insightful discussion are premiums to human understanding, a process which the communica-

tion—information society and "global village" significantly values. And frankly, just to hear and see knowledgeable persons express themselves with certain styles during a general time-frame under two hours is an enlightening, entertaining, and educational experience in itself.

This symposium, as have the others, gives witness to the momentous times in which we live. Often obscured by our daily decisions, duties, personal problems, and private lives is a remarkable unfolding of contemporary world history. Among my generation—among my peers, I have heard expressions such as "I never thought I would see during my lifetime the tearing down of the Berlin Wall—the collapse of the Soviet Union—the prime minister of Israel and the leader of the P.L.O. shaking hands in agreement much less sharing a Nobel Peace Prize. Incredible! I would never have imagined the possibility of such

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By Dr. Conrad Gubera
Professor of Sociology

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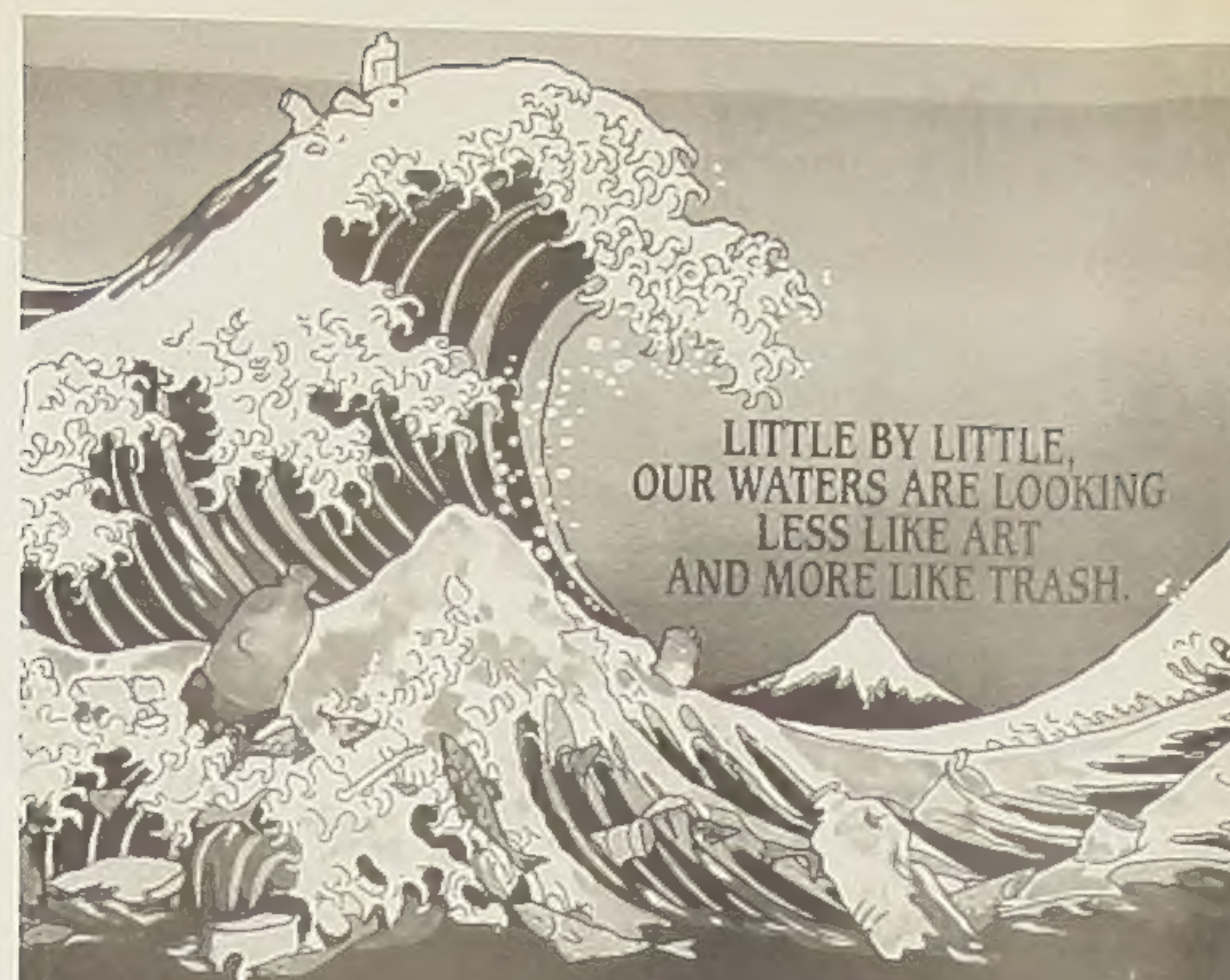
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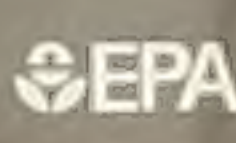
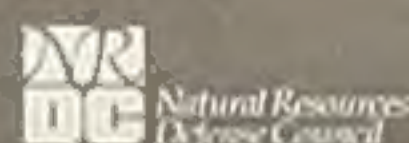
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Today 20

Registration for students with 1+ hours.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia free lunch, Stegge Hall basement.
Noon—
Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Hiroshima," by Mr. William Carter, Dr. Conrad Gubera, Dr. Allen Memari, and Mr. Kenneth DeLaughter, BSC 310.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Latter-Day Saint Student Association, BSC 313.
12:15 p.m.—
Model United Nations Club, Webster Hall III.
2:30 p.m.—
Modern Communications Club, Webster Hall Third Floor Atrium.
5:30 p.m.—
T.N.T. (Thursday-Nights-Together), free food, exciting programs, great speakers, Baptist Student Union.
7:30 p.m.—
Senior Voice Recital, Linda Lunow, Webster Hall auditorium.

Tomorrow 21

All day—
Special Olympics, Fred G. Hughes stadium.
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall 123.
4:30 p.m.—
Student Senate executive officer petitions due, BSC 21.
8 p.m. to midnight—
Boxers, Lingene, Toga dance, prizes, Ramada Inn.

Sunday 23

2:30 p.m.—
Jazz in Joplin, Harold Mabum Trio, Webster auditorium.
9:30 a.m.—
Fellowship Baptist Church College Sunday School, Baptist Student Union.

Monday 24

Registration for transfer students begins, through 5:10.
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Signup deadline for the Star Trek the Next Generation interactive VCR board game, sponsored by CAB, \$100 first place, BSC 112.
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—
CAB Movie: "Cool Runnings," BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Tuesday 25

8 a.m.—
Newman Club Catholic Organization, fellowship, food, and fun, BSC 306.
12:15 p.m.—
College Republicans, BSC 31.
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—
CAB Movie: "Cool Runnings," BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Wednesday 26

National Secretaries Day.
2 p.m.—
CAB Meeting, everyone welcome, BSC 31.
5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate, BSC 310.

Attention Clubs

If you have an upcoming event you would like publicized in The Chart, call Genie at 625-9311.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Children can become 'heroes for a day'

■ Southern is six-year host of track meet for special-needs children; volunteers welcome

By CASEY MILLER
STAFF WRITER

More than 600 participants are ready for the regional Special Olympics tomorrow at Fred Hughes Stadium.

"I think it's great that MSSC can be the host of such a special day in the lives of these kids," said organizer Jon Lantz. "This is their Super Bowl."

This is the sixth year Lantz has organized the track meet which includes the long jump, 50-meter run, 10-yard dash, high jump, mile run, and relay. Ten-, 25-, and 50-meter wheelchair races are also scheduled, as well as a softball throw and team volleyball.

Athletes are ranked according to age, sex, and preliminary scores. Lantz said the number of contestants increases each year.

Pam White, Area 5 Special Olympics coordinator and Carthage High School counselor, said the athletes are helped academically as well as physically.

"What I find, when you work with special-needs kids, is that often in the classroom they are not as successful as you would like them to be," she said.

"But when they are in Special Olympics, they learn social skills and become more successful in the classroom."

"They are heroes for a day. Their self-esteem is raised, confidence is raised, and they are more likely to be successful."

White, a Missouri Southern graduate, became involved with Special Olympics by taking children to the events. She later joined the committee and eventually was asked to be the director.

She said the project is active year-round. Training depends on which sport is in season, and volunteers are taught how to coach mentally challenged athletes.

"Usually, it is not a hard adjustment," White said, "because most coaches are used to working with these types of children all the time. We train anybody interested, but most of the people we train have a connection with this already."

Nearly 100 volunteers, some from local high schools, are expected to help coordinate the events this

year. Lantz said the Southern's athletic department provided volunteers in previous years, but now all faculty and students are invited to help.

Carrie Ingle, sophomore education major, says she is volunteering because it is a good cause. She has agreed to be a "hugger," someone who greets the contestants after they finish an event.

Winners go on to state competition at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo.

Carnival games and drinks will be provided for athletes. Starting time is 9:15 a.m., with activities concluding at 2 p.m. □

VIRTUAL MARKETING

New class to explore Internet

■ Information highway could change methods of purchasing, marketing

By BECKY BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Students will have an opportunity to understand the marketing system and new technology with the help of a new course this summer and next spring.

"Virtual Marketing will help students prepare for the job market and give them the skills they need to operate in certain environments," said Brad Kleindl, instructor of business.

The course is designed to combine fundamental marketing theory and strategies with the practical considerations of implementing a virtual marketing strategy.

"The Internet and information highway will change the entire way in which people buy products," Kleindl said.

"There is a tremendous need for people to be trained for this new technology."

The Internet continues to grow as a marketing tool.

"The [World Wide] Web is expected to grow from two million current users to 22 million in the year 2000," Kleindl said.

The main software used for the course is a macro-media director with an interactive program.

This course will be suited for anyone wanting to combine areas of interest.

"We have students from graphic design, computer science, and communication," Kleindl said. "Students need to be cross-trained in many fields."

Topics such as understanding changes in communication, controlling the system in a virtual age, and changes in information flows will be covered in the new course.

Many new jobs and opportunities are available to students and graduates with this practical information, Kleindl said.

Few schools in the nation are offering this type of course, and it gives Missouri Southern students an advantage, he said.

The Virtual Marketing class will be offered this summer from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. □

PLAYTIME AT THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Jennifer Droz, freshman elementary education major, helps Ricky Timbrook, 4, put on his shoe while he carries on a conversation with Kelsey Kraft, 5, at Southern's Child Development Center yesterday.

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Mideast peace involves U.S.

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Next week, two members of the social science department will offer Missouri Southern and its surrounding community a look at the peace situation in the Middle East.

The symposium, called "Search for a New Balance: The Mideast Peace Process," begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Webster Hall auditorium.

"There are three parts to this symposium," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology. "We will address the history of U.S. and Arab relations and what the peace process means to Jewish and Arab relations. And two visiting speakers, Arthur Avnon and Dr. Tawfiq Hasou, will represent Israeli and Jordanian points of view."

Avnon is the consular general from the Israeli Consulate in Chicago and serves the Midwest states. Hasou is dean of the college of arts and sciences at Jordan's University of Applied Sciences. Hasou is currently a visiting professor at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Esber Ibrahim Shaheen,

president of Joplin's International Institute of Technology, will be a presenter, along with Gubera and Dr. William Tannenbaum, assistant professor of history at Southern. Shaheen will represent Arab American interests.

Gubera said he will speak on behalf of Arab nations and Tannenbaum will speak from a Jewish viewpoint.

"He teaches Israeli perspectives and I teach Arab perspectives," Gubera said. "It makes for a nice balance in the department."

Gubera said another purpose of the symposium is to look at how peace in the Middle East could affect local areas.

"It could enhance the study in the religious practices, enhance tourism, and bring a stability to the whole Middle East, which might diffuse the conflicts with Iraq and Iran," he said. "If the U.S. is involved as a peace broker, which they have been for other countries, it will enhance our relationships with other countries."

Tannenbaum agrees that the situation in the Middle East directly affects people in the United States.

"The U.S. depends on that part

of the world for natural resources, including oil, and for transportation," he said. "It's the crossroads of the world."

Tannenbaum said the issue of democracy in the Middle East is becoming steadily more important to the United States.

"Israel is an outpost of democracy," he said. "It can spread, and people will live better in a democracy than in a dictatorship."

"Jordan is very important because it is friendly toward western values. Peaceful relations could lessen the need to send our young people into combat in those countries."

The College can also benefit from an awareness of the Middle East situation.

"Southern does have a stated international mission," Tannenbaum said.

"This symposium is a chance to discuss international issues and gives us a chance to get a perspective of what we don't have."

"This testifies to the seriousness of our international mission," he said. "The College is special in its ability to put on presentations of this specialized manner and to bring in speakers from other countries." □

ORIENTATION

Interim director steps up

By ALLISON REGIER
CHART REPORTER

Hiring a new director of College Orientation wasn't difficult for Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services.

He chose Susan Craig, a former Missouri Southern student.

"We wanted someone with student service experience, someone who had actually worked in a college orientation program," Dolence said.

"We also wanted someone with good communication skills and someone who had some knowledge of Southern."

Craig was involved in the College's Orientation program from 1990 until her graduation in 1993. Upon her graduation, she filled in for Lori LeBahn, the former director of College Orientation, while LeBahn was on maternity leave.

"I had observed and evaluated Susan's work in the past when she worked on the program, and she did a fine job in the short time when she was filling in for Mrs. LeBahn," Dolence said. "We are very pleased and fortunate to acquire her services."

Craig started working at Southern again at the beginning of the spring semester when LeBahn resigned her position. As director of College Orientation, she has many responsibilities.

She coordinates the Orientation classes for fall, summer, and spring, as well as the Fresh Start program for incoming freshmen. She also selects, interviews, and trains the 50 student leaders.

Craig points to the success of Southern's Orientation program.

"We retain anywhere from 81 to 89 percent of the freshmen from one semester to the next, and that is way above the national average which hovers around 50 percent," she said. "We credit a lot of that to the Orientation program. I think the peer instructors help also."

Before coming to Southern, Craig worked one year for Vatterott College in Joplin as the high school admissions coordinator.

"I really enjoyed working with the students," she said. □

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FIELD DAY

Mayor issues proclamation; students to test competence

By PHYLLIS DE TAR
STAFF WRITER

Area high school and junior high students will "Break the Language Barrier" at Missouri Southern's 21st annual Foreign Language Field Day Tuesday.

Mayor Ronald F. Richard has issued a proclamation declaring the day as "Foreign Language Day" for the city of Joplin.

"We hope to motivate these students to continue their study of foreign languages because it will become more and more important in their lives," said Dr. Hal Bodon,

chairman for the event. "This is, in my recollection, the largest number of students that we have had."

Members of the foreign language faculty as well as some 50 Southern students majoring in languages will assist Bodon.

Approximately 600 students from 28 schools have registered for the occasion. They will start the day at 9 a.m. by taking a preliminary written test for three levels of competence in French, German, Japanese, or Spanish. The two top schools in each language will compete orally at 1 p.m. Each school will field four students in the contest.

The format will be on the order of

the College Bowl as seen on television.

The winners will receive ribbons and be declared Culture Bowl Champions of 1995.

"There will be native speakers in each of the languages at conversation stations in Billingsly Student Center who the students can talk with," Bodon said.

The participants in the conversation stations will be paid for their efforts in a form of remuneration that can be exchanged at the kiosk for mementos such as buttons, pennants and hats. The items will also be for sale, Bodon said.

A poster contest on the theme,

"Breaking the Language Barrier," will be judged by Dr. Pat Kluthe and her Theatre Appreciation class.

A reading comprehension quiz and a vocabulary bee in all levels of ability in French, German, and Spanish will occur at 10 a.m.

Videos in French, German, and Spanish will be shown in Webster Hall from 9-11 a.m. Japanese activities will take place in the BSC at the same time.

The communications department will judge contestants performing in skits and musical presentations at 11:30 a.m.

The BSC cafeteria will be serving a lunch menu with a foreign flair.

One of the new activities is a sing-along scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in Webster Hall auditorium.

Another new offering is folk dancing instruction in the BSC from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Barbara Hernandez, a dance specialist in the physical education department, said she will teach fun folk dances such as the American hokey-pokey, the Mexican la rumba, and the German kinder polka.

"Social dance works on cooperative skills where students interact with each other," she said.

"They will have fun learning dances from other countries." □

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre
Tonight: 22—*Twelfth Night*. Webster Hall
Tonight—Senior Voice Recital (Linda Lunow).
April 23—Harold Mabum Trio.
May 2—Flute Students Recital.
May 5—Carl Cranmer.
May 6—Suzuki Students Recital.
Phinney Hall
May 18—Choral Society Concert.
Taylor Auditorium
April 27—Southern Concert Band.
May 4—Southern Jazz Band.
May 8—Community Orchestra.
May 11—Spring Choral Concert.

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George A. Spiva Center for the Arts
623-0183
Tomorrow—Lecture on "Opera: Addiction or Abuse."

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Theatre
417-358-9665
Tonight: 21, and 22—*A Woman With No Name*.
June 29, 30, and 31—*Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

KANSAS CITY

Sandstone Amphitheatre
816-931-3330
April 30 & May 11—The Eagles.
May 2—Queensryche with Type O Negative.
May 5—Alabama with Neal McCoy.
May 13—Lynyrd Skynyrd with Tesla and Bloodline.
May 21—Boston.
May 28—R.E.M.
June 3—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.
June 9—John Michael Montgomery with The Tractors.
June 11—Yanni.
Memorial Hall
816-931-3330
April 28—Carrot Top.
May 12—The Black Crowes.
Municipal Auditorium
816-931-3330
May 3—Beastie Boys with Blues Explosion and The Roots.

COLUMBIA

Deep Blues
314-875-0589
Tonight—Jaque Non Paudro.
Tomorrow—The Silvatones.
April 22—Patti & The Hitmen.
April 27—Mark Hummel.
The Blue Note
314-874-1944
Tomorrow—Veruca Salt.
April 22—Jon Spencer Blues Explosion with Frog Pond and R.L. Burnside.

ST. LOUIS

Rickman Auditorium
314-296-8000
May 13—The Oak Ridge Boys.
Mississippi Nights
314-421-3853
Tomorrow—The Radiators.
April 22—The Band.
April 23—Beausoleil.
Michael Doucet with Sandy Weltman and the Snadroids.
April 25—Our Lady Peace.
April 26—The Reverend Horton Heat with Wax.
April 28—Wilco.
May 1—Slash's Snakepit.
May 7—Extreme.
May 12—Leftover Salmon with Mother Hips.
May 20—Morphine.

OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

Play captivates with acting, charm



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Under the direction of Dr. Alex Pinkston, the cast of *Twelfth Night* worked well together on stage to present a memorable performance.

■ Shakespearean play continues run through Saturday night in Taylor

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Southern Theatre's final opening night of the semester was also one of its best. All elements were working together in last night's production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, creating a well-done performance for everyone to enjoy.

Night takes place on the Riviera in the country of Illyria in the 1930s. Illyria is ruled by a wealthy count who spends relaxing days and nights on his yacht, dreaming of the Countess Olivia.

Olivia, a businesswoman and owner of a nightclub, has more to do with her time than fall in love—until she meets a young male singer named Cesario.

But Cesario is really a woman dressed as a man! He/she uses this disguise to trick all involved into believing she is really a man, including the Count of Illyria, who seems to be in love with the man Cesario. This trickery defines the chaotic devices used in the play.

The play's settings include an anchored yacht, the club "Twelfth Night," and the courtyard of Olivia's house.

The acting was by far the best of the year. The cast, bringing back some familiar faces and introducing some unknowns, uses its talent to create a believable and finely tuned production.

Once again, Nathan Ball, who plays Toby Belch, steals the stage. Toby is a character who finds liquor and practical jokes more amusing than responsible behavior. Ball



Twelfth Night Gradecard

ACTING: A

COSTUMES: A

SET: A

LIGHTING & SOUND: A

OVERALL
GRADE:



plays this character with a vigor no other can match. I wish him a long and prosperous career.

Elizabeth Lovland leads the cast, playing the double role of Viola and Cesario. She brings an air of humor to the stage and makes the audience a conspirator to her trickery.

Olivia, portrayed by Tammy Barnett, is a countess and the owner of the club "Twelfth Night." She is a beautiful woman who adores herself, a role Barnett carries out with obvious ease.

T.R. Hanrahan, a new face on the theatre scene, lives up to his suave personality. Fabiano, played by Hanrahan, is Toby's friend from Spain. He helps Toby with a plot to fool Malvolio, Olivia's flamboyant chauffeur. Hanrahan has found his calling!

Brandon Davidson (Sir Andrew Aguecheek) and Stephen Kenny (Feste) gave other memorable performances.

The set, the lighting, and Dr. Alex Pinkston's direction has given the theatre department a production to be proud of. *Twelfth Night* will show at 7:30 p.m. today, tomorrow, and Saturday in Taylor Auditorium. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Lunow to perform tonight in Webster auditorium

■ Senior music major credits husband, kids for her dream come true

By JENNIFER RUSSELL
STAFF WRITER

Graduating with a music degree will be a dream come true for Linda Lunow, senior music major.

"As excited as I am, it's kind of scary," she said. "I'm the only woman in my family who has attended college."

She said her husband and children have given her strength to finish.

"It's been a real struggle, being married with four kids," she said. "They've been wonderful. They pushed me to go on when I almost quit. My degree should have six names on it instead of one."

Lunow attended Oklahoma City University, where she was a triple major in voice, clarinet, and piano.

It took awhile to make the transition when she moved to Missouri with her husband, who is the assistant director of the physical plant at Southern.

"There was a five-year span where I didn't pick up my horn," she said. "I had to convince myself I could come back and do this."

She attributes her inspiration to Marguerite Carney, private vocal instructor at Southern. Lunow has studied with her for three years.

Lunow will give her last performance as a student at Missouri Southern in her senior vocal recital at 7:30 p.m. today in Webster Hall auditorium. She believes she's ready.

"I'm excited," she said. "My main concern is keeping my energy level up."

"Music is a way of communicating spirit to spirit. It's always been a very spiritual thing to me, whether I'm playing my clarinet, singing, or playing the piano."

Lunow said the last of the 11 songs she will perform is especially close to her heart, because it was written by Carney.

"It's called 'The Greatest of These is Love,' based on the biblical text of I Corinthians chapter 13," she said. "I love this song so much because it's a

scripture I've adopted to live my life by. I was very honored when she asked me to do it."

The desire to teach drove Lunow to return to school.

"I taught three years at a private school in Oklahoma, and it was the most wonderful experience of my life," she said. "When I saw those kids, I knew I had to get a degree and teach all the time."

Lunow opted for a music degree rather than a teaching degree. She plans to finish her master's and teach in a private school again, where she says a state certification is not required. She also intends to keep her job as minister of music at College View Baptist Church.

"It's ironic, but my love for music started in church," she said. "I always felt the best musicians were never found in church. I think the opposite should be true. I take pride in helping my choir members be the best they can be."

She said finishing her degree sends a positive message to her children.

"I think the message is don't ever let go of your dream," she



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Linda Lunow tones her voice for tonight's recital, which will be her last at Southern. She plans to teach in private school after graduation.

said. "It's been such a struggle—physically, financially, and emotionally."

When you have people who really love you, they won't let

you let go of your dream."

Lunow is graduating summa cum laude and believes her success comes from hard work and determination. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Clinton prepares to leave Southern

■ Pianist seeks more opportunities in Nebraska

By MICHAEL DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

In a "phenomenal move" for him professionally, Dr. Mark Clinton has accepted a position at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

This came as a surprise to many, including the pianist.

"It was totally unexpected," said Missouri Southern's artist in residence. "I didn't think I would be leaving, but I felt I had to seize the moment."

"But, as I told my department head, this would not be possible if not for the three years I've spent here. It's been a good experience and I've had the chance to network, which is how I got the job in Nebraska."

Pete Havelly, head of the music department, said this is an appropriate career move for Clinton.

"I respect and support his decision," he said. "We are sorry to see him go, but people have to make career moves. He served us very well."

Clinton, assistant professor of music, will hold the same position at Nebraska.

"Part of the decision was made easier by the fact that they offered my wife a position as well," he said.

His wife, Nicole Narboni, is a music teacher at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School in Joplin. The two performed together at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 1 and at Southern on March 28.

Clinton's duties at Nebraska will include teaching applied lessons, recruiting, and performing as an ensemble and other types of music.

"I will be performing chamber music, which is something I did not have the opportunity to do here," he said.

His fondest memory of Missouri



Clinton and Narboni

Southern will be his students.

"I really enjoyed watching my students grow," he said. "That's something I'm going to miss."

Clinton added that he would also miss his colleagues in the music department.

"I have lots of friends here, and I have only positive memories of the faculty," he said. "They are just wonderful." □

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events occurring 10 or 15 years ago. Remarkable changes! You are alive—you witness change which prior generations never dreamed possible. To comprehend, to attempt to understand, and to appreciate what is happening in the major theme of our symposium, past and present versions.

The peace process is a major international topic and concern. To nurture a fragile peace between peoples who have been engaged in life and death conflict for the major portion of this century involves more than the warring peoples themselves; it involves humanity. Recognition of life hurts, pains, sorrows, and the hatred, anger, and violence that permeate these peoples' lives and the issues which embroil them daily makes us, the distant outsider, vitally aware of those human characteristics which we all share regarding earthly existence.

To patiently and steadfastly seek a rational solution to deep grievances while forging a state for a passionate but stateless people profiles a microcosm the efforts of humanity to move toward a higher order of existence. To not try is to relinquish aspiration and give in to the "dark side" of human behavior. Someone must try—someone must trust—someone must give—and someone must lead in this peace process, analogous as it may be to our own inter-

personal conflicts within our own private lives.

The often expressed volatile and violent behaviors of all the peoples directly involved may really be a mirror held up to us: what would I do if I were "in their shoes"? What actions would I take? How would I survive? The likelihood of any of us being caught up in such an environment seems extremely remote—but what if? Perhaps an introspective glance into one's self, one's place in time and history could be an unanticipated insight wrought from a symposium experience.

Have I over-generalized and over-dramatized? Maybe? But when we see an international education and understanding, it seems to me that we cannot ignore the major needs and wants of people who live elsewhere—and how these are met. Hence against the crucible of Middle East cultures, we can retrospectively compare lives and ask the most basic questions, because we think. If or when a symposium, or any program, elicits that response, it is a worthy effort—and it relates to you.

Share with us through your attendance. You will become more aware of a major world issue, of an academic effort which seeks to address such issues, and maybe, an increased sensitivity toward the struggles to act humanely. □

ARTIST PAINTS TO AFRICAN BEAT



Amanda Beeler, 13, Joplin, worked on an African mural Tuesday. Laura Schwab's fine arts class studied African art at Park Academy, Joplin.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

MINING LEGACY

Sinkhole cave-ins leave area residents on shaky ground

■ Collapsing mine shafts become cause of concern for Carterville citizens

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

While old-timers may say sinkholes are nothing new, the holes still leave some Carterville residents with a "sinking" feeling.

The town spent about \$30,000 in community development block grant funding to fill a 65-foot sinkhole last fall at Bulger and Sharon streets. Mattes Brothers Construction filled another hole recently at Bulger and Fountain streets. In March, residents at 803 N. Tennessee realized the earth was collapsing in their back yard.

"My husband came out looking around the sinkhole and his foot went down into a smaller hole by the sinkhole," Joyce Roland said. "When we bought the property (803 N. Tennessee) we weren't told the house was situated over a mining shaft. The shaft runs under our house, across the street, and under our neighbor's house."

Herb Stocking, Carterville street department foreman, said the

property on Tennessee sits over part of the Chapman mine, a claim owned by the Chapman brothers. He added that the land has just started the process of sinking.

"The Rolands became concerned because the back yard isn't fenced," he said. "They were afraid a child might wander through there when the ground decides to fall in."

Most mine shafts were 5-foot by 7-foot, said John Mattes, owner of Mattes Brothers. He said many mine shafts were filled with trash, brush, and debris which rots and causes the ground to sink.

"I've filled a thousand sinkholes in the tri-state area...well, hundreds anyway," Mattes said. "Streets cave in all the time in Joplin. They fill the holes with dirt and just keep going."

Sinkholes are a natural geological phenomena, but in this area the depressions are normally caused by collapsing mine shafts, said Harry Rogers. Rogers, director of the Harry Truman Coordinating Council, helped Carterville interact with various agencies to obtain block grant funding for the hole at Bulger and Sharon.

The Department of Natural Resources deemed that hole an emergency situation because it endangers power lines, phone lines, and sewer lines. The sinkhole filled with 19 feet of water causes problems with the sewer line.

"There's no way to tell the depth of these mines," Rogers said. "The mining technique didn't lend itself to detailed maps because the miners dug in a hurry."

Mines can be 200 feet deep or more. The shafts are generally larger at the top, get narrower, then can open into larger cavities underground. Open mine shafts often fill with water.

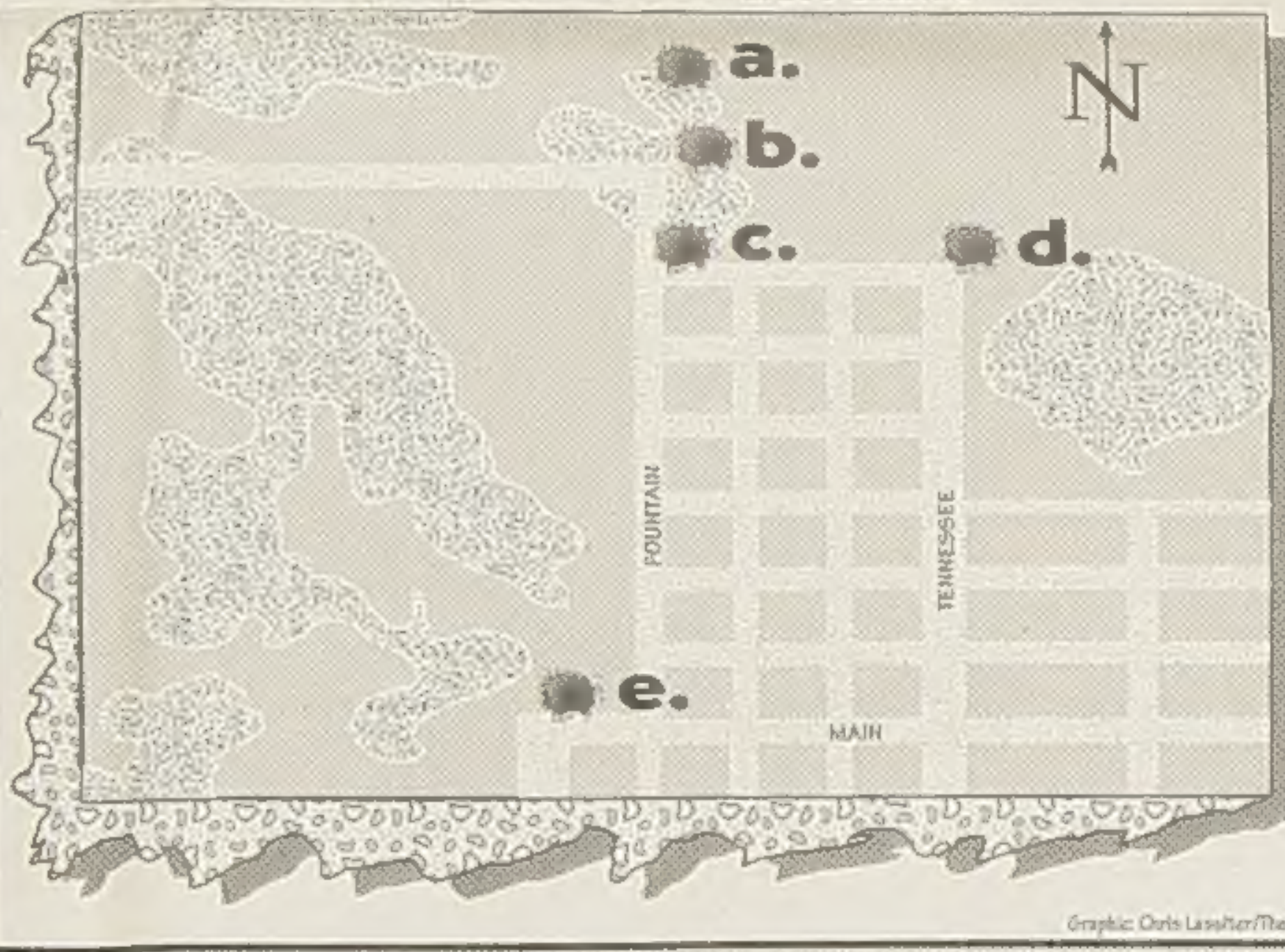
Stocking said the mine maps should be taken with "a grain of salt," because miners might lose their directions when they get a rich claim.

According to Stocking, the area surrounding Carterville has many sinkholes. He said one sinkhole north of Main Street is 500 feet across and 200 feet deep.

"You never know what's going to happen underneath the earth," Stocking said. "Anybody that tells you they know what's going to happen is just blowing smoke." □

CARTERVILLE IS SINKING

- a. Sinkhole of unknown depth
- b. 65' sinkhole at Bulger & Sharon Streets
- c. Sinkhole at Fountain & Bulger Streets
- d. Sinkhole at 803 N. Tennessee Street
- e. 200' sinkhole



Graphic: Chris Linsler/The Chart

WEBB CITY SADDLE CLUB HOLDS FIRST PARADE



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Bob Schlick, driver, Don Cox, shotgun, and Skip Wolfe, rear passenger, rode in the Neosho Shrine Club "Hillbillies" car in the Webb City Stampede Days Parade Saturday. The parade was sponsored by the Webb City Saddle Club and featured several dogs, horses, and 14 vehicles including a 1931 Whippet.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Walk-a-thon to enhance homebound program

■ Meals on Wheels needs willing walkers, donations, support

By TONYA PRINCE
STAFF WRITER

What has 12,000 feet and walks all over Missouri? According to Missouri Miles for Meals, the answer is volunteers.

Each local senior center has a Meals on Wheels program that involves meal-delivery to those over 60 who are homebound.

"Meals are delivered by volunteers," Thompson said.

"The Miles for Meals program is to enhance and expand our homebound program to get to more people," Thompson said.

A Miles for Meals walk-a-thon will be held May 11 at the Webb City Senior Center and May 7 at the Carthage Over 60 Center.

"We are going to start right here



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Rowena Allen, Joplin Meals on Wheels volunteer, delivers lunches to people over 60 years of age who cannot leave home.

at the center because we feel a lot of people in the city don't know we exist," said Mary Cantello, manager of the Carthage facility.

Walkers may register May 5-6 at the centers.

"Get your families, your church people, your neighbors, or anyone to pledge on the walk," Cantello said.

The registration fee minimums

are \$8 for those over 60, \$10 for those under 60, and no fee for those under 5 years old.

All participants receive a T-shirt. Walkers with pledges of \$25 or more will receive prizes.

Persons wanting to walk to help others may contact their local senior center or the Area Agency on Aging for information. □

EDUCATION

R-8 may adopt new schedules

■ Joplin school district considers changing to year-round format

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Eddie Cochran found fame wailing that "there ain't no cure for the summertime blues," but the Joplin R-8 School District has a solution in mind: School.

Year-round school is not a new idea, but it is receiving serious consideration for the first time in Joplin.

Superintendent Vernon Hudson is aware that changing the traditional school schedule would have far-reaching consequences and would impact more than just students and teachers.

"I want to emphasize that this would not be done without a mandate from the people," he said. "We're talking about breaking molds here, and we would not do that without a great deal of support from the community."

An expanded enrichment program offered this summer will be one of the gauges used to evaluate interest.

"We've had about 450 applicants for the summer program so far," Hudson said.

"That indicates a high level of interest in some type of summer classes, but it does not necessarily mean people want year-round school."

Most students attending year-round schools attend class the same number of days per year as students on a traditional schedule. A handful of schools have extended the number of classroom days from 180 to 240.

"We would be serving the same number of students with the same number of teachers," Vernon said.

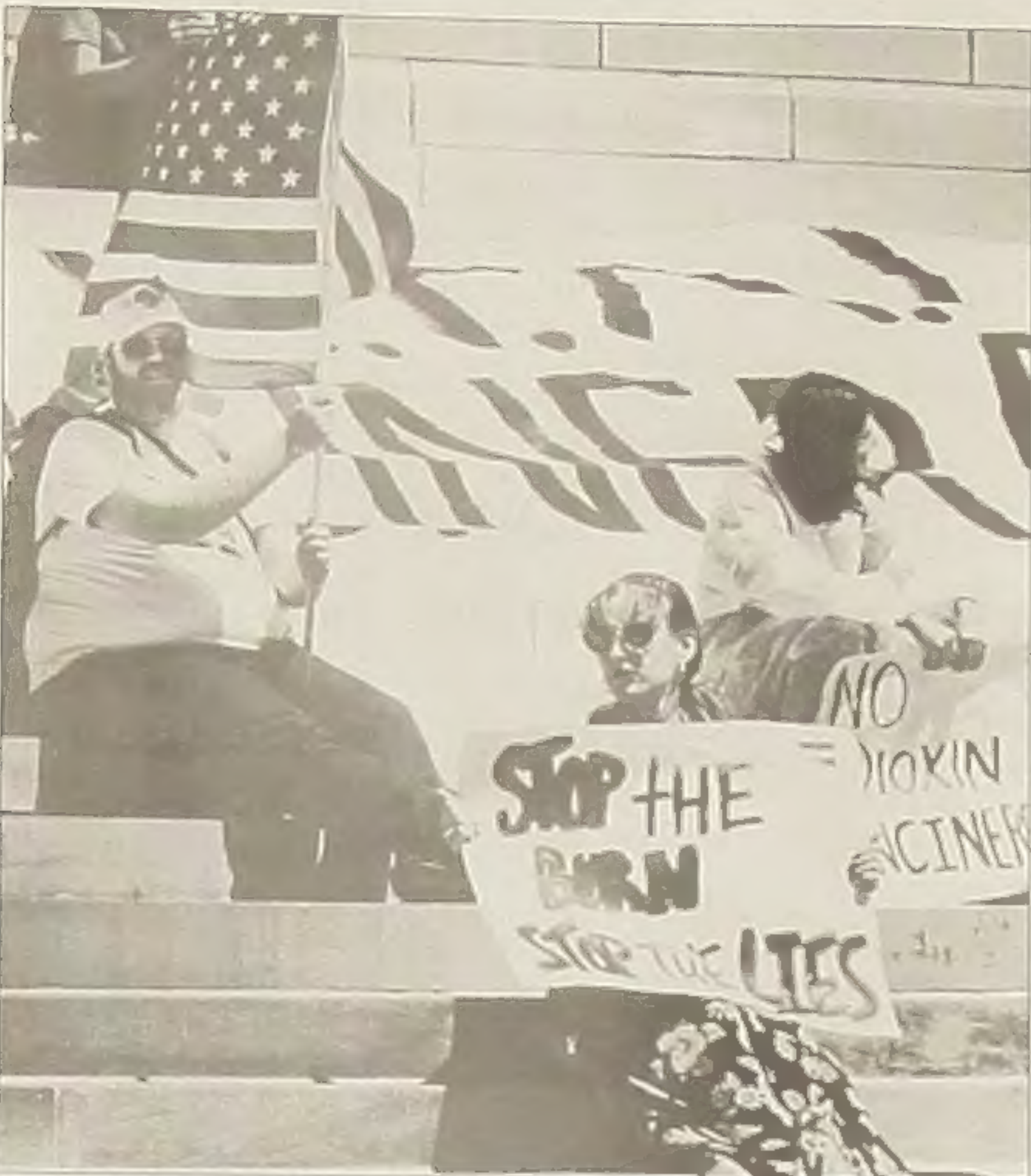
"It could result in extended contracts being offered to those teachers who want to teach during intersession."

Dr. James Sandrin, head of the education department at Missouri Southern, doesn't anticipate any changes in the College's program if the year-round schedule becomes a reality.

"I think the only thing it might do is open some observation possibilities for juniors in summer classes, but overall it would have minimal effect on our program here," he said. □

“People just don’t want them.”

Incinerators in Missouri



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart



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Missouri Department of Natural Resources, EPA approve dioxin incinerator for Times Beach cleanup

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Each year as Earth Day approaches, so too arises environmental controversy.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources issued a construction permit Friday for a dioxin incinerator at Times Beach, leaving area residents searching for ways to halt construction, which started Monday.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which issued the permit jointly with the department, estimated that emissions from the incinerator would result in less than one additional cancer for each million people in a worst-case scenario. That calculation was based on the incinerator destroying 99.9997 percent of the dioxin fed into it, which opponents believe can't be an accurate number.

"It has something to do with the concentration level," said Fred Striley of the Dioxin Incinerator Response Group. "We met with someone from the governor's office, and he explained a few things to us. It all centers around this little phrase, 'protective of public health.'"

Striley said that one in a million is still one in a million.

"There are alternatives that will have no harm on the public whatsoever," he said. "We advocate an immediate cleanup of hazardous waste. The EPA had the stuff sit around for 20 years before they finally decide to clean it up, and all they're going to do is put it in the air."

In the Joplin area, ICI Explosives is preparing to burn transported hazardous waste after considerable opposition from local citizens. Jim Mueller was a major opponent of the incinerator and one of four in the Joplin area to appeal ICI's permit.

"The incinerator in Times Beach and the one here are essentially dissimilar," Mueller said. "ICI is for commercial burning for explosive wastes. The incinerator at Times Beach is a soil burner."

Although Mueller said the incinerators had several differences, he said both are capable of emitting hazardous material into the air.

The ICI incinerator is currently in its pretrial stage of burning, according to Mueller.

Mueller said the incinerator in Times Beach will face more opposition because of the vast population in the area.

"People just don't want them," he said.

Times Beach was dioxinated in the 1970s when the streets were sprayed by a waste hauler to control dust. After the dioxin was discovered in 1982, the federal government paid about \$31 million to buy out its 2,300 residents. The site was disincorporated and turned over to the state.

Syntex Agribusiness, based in Springfield, is paying about \$161 million for the cleanup project.

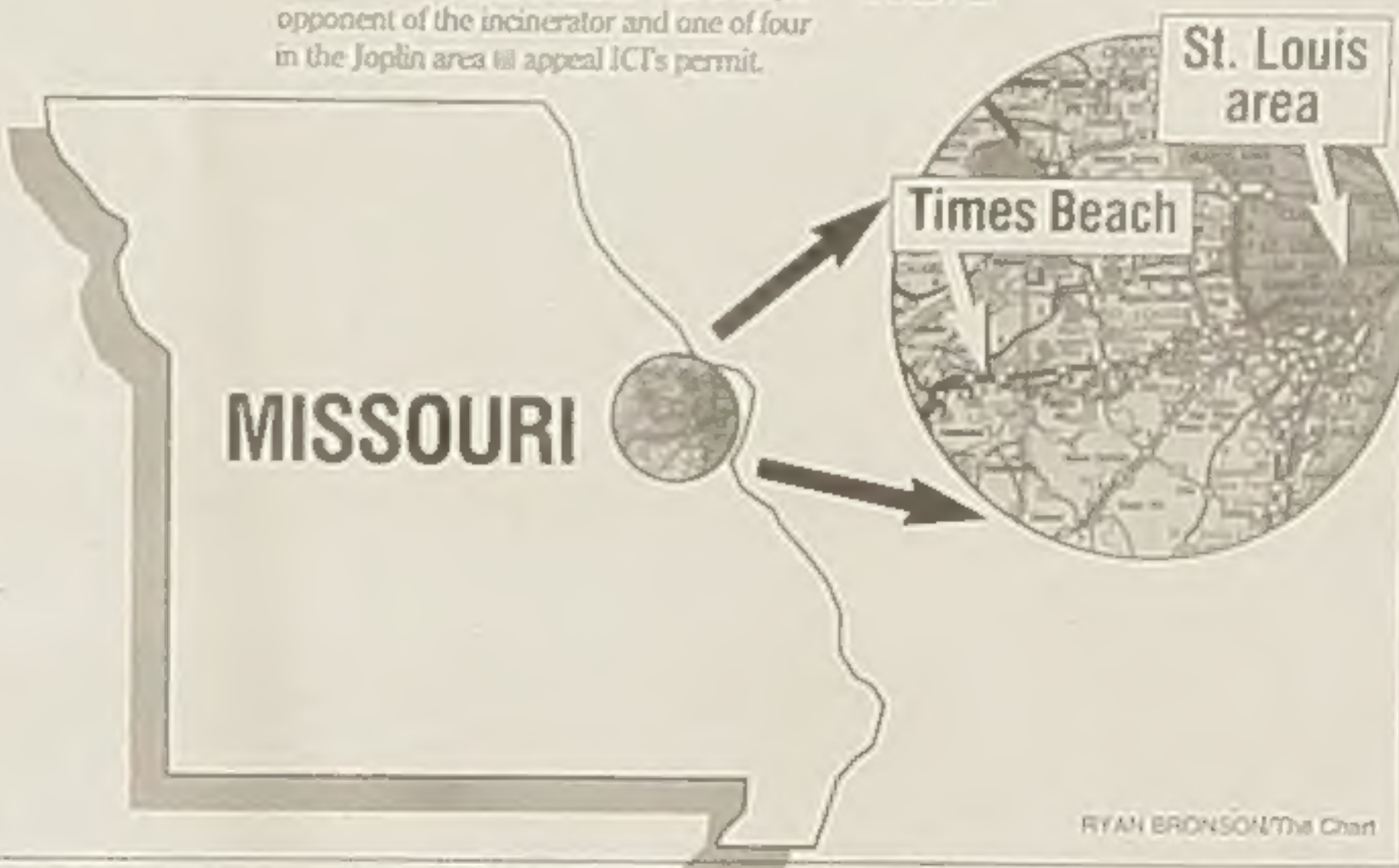
Protesters gathered outside the Capitol Tuesday in hopes of getting Gov. Mel Carnahan to use executive privileges and shut down the operation.

Steve Borris, a spokesman for U.S. Congressman Jim Talent (R-Mo.), said Talent has sent two letters to Carnahan but neither drew a response. Talent is in favor of finding alternative ways to cleanup hazardous waste sites.

"In California, incineration is against the law," Borris said. "They have to find other ways to get rid of hazardous waste."

Striley said the protesters were comprised mainly of three groups: Times Beach Action Group, Dioxin Incinerator Response Group, and the Citizens Against Dioxin Incineration.

"They think this will get rid of the dioxin," said one protester. "All that will do is take it out of the dirt and put it in the air." □



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

The Times Beach Action Group, Dioxin Incinerator Response Group, and the Citizens Against Dioxin Incineration gathered Tuesday at Jefferson City to protest the approval of a permit to build an incinerator in Times Beach. The incinerator would be used to clean up dioxin in the soil. The project is expected to last about two years.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

NMSU's political science program rated AAA

Northeast Missouri State University's political science program has been given an AAA rating by an outside consultant hired to evaluate the program.

John Wahlke, former president of The American Political Science Association and chief of The American Association of Colleges' Task Force on The Political Science Major, gave Northeast a higher rating than any other program he has evaluated.

"Students who complete this course of study will have acquired a solid liberal arts education, a good understanding of government, politics, political issues, and the intellectual skills to apply that knowledge analytically," Wahlke said. "I have yet to find a program likely to do a better job of providing that education."

In addition to giving the program high marks, Wahlke praised the faculty for their record of "academic citizenship and civic service," which he believed was superior to any he has seen at other schools, and the students for their high intellectual caliber. □

MU breaks ground on new Resources building

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held April 14 for an \$18 million building to house the School of Natural Resources at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Building will serve the 550 students enrolled in the five-department school. Construction is expected to start in January, with a mid-1997 completion date anticipated.

The U.S. Forest Service, which will operate an experiment station in the new building, has committed \$3.5 million to the project. Anheuser-Busch has pledged \$1.5 million, while the state Department of Conservation Commission will commit \$500,000. The bulk of the financing will come from a \$10.6 million bond issue approved by Missouri voters in August.

The building will enable the school to expand its outreach-extension program so nonstudents can take advantage of the research developments within the school. □

Long named to SMS's board of regents

A Poplar Bluff civic leader who has three degrees from Southeast Missouri State University has been named to the university's board of regents.

Sarah J. Long will succeed Ann Dombrowski, who has served on Southeast's board of regents since March 1990. During Dombrowski's tenure, the regents initiated a strategic planning process and the development of a campus master plan.

Long is Chapter 1 director and director of early childhood education for Poplar Bluff R-1 Schools. She was named "Educator of the Year" for southeast Missouri for the 1993-94 academic year by Phi Delta Kappa. □

Ex-NFL all-pro returns to Lincoln U. for degree

Lamar Parish, an eight-time all-pro football player with the Cincinnati Bengals, has returned to Lincoln University to finish his degree.

A star on the Lincoln football team from 1966-69, Parish was selected in the seventh round of the 1970 NFL draft. As a cornerback and punt returner, he played with Cincinnati for eight years and a year each with Washington and Buffalo.

Currently residing in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is a high school football coach, Parish is attending Lincoln this semester and hopes to graduate next year with a degree in physical education.

"I consider myself a winner, not a quitter," he said. "This is something that I need to do for me. I think we all need to fulfill ourselves. Coming back to school is fulfillment for me." □

EDUCATION

Legislators challenge Senate Bill 380

Elliott, Akin, Loudon join St. Louis residents alleging SB 380 is unconstitutional and never should have passed

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

A trio of state representatives and three St. Louis residents filed a lawsuit last week alleging that the Outstanding Schools Act, Senate Bill 380, violates six areas of the Missouri Constitution.

Reps. T. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City), Todd Akin (R-St. Louis), and John Loudon (R-Ballwin) along with Mike and Lauren Stanfill and Philip Treacy filed the lawsuit against Janette M. Lohman, Missouri director of revenue.

The 1993 act, dubbed the "Excellence in Education Act," raises taxes \$315 million a year.

The plaintiffs are asking the court not to allow Lohman to collect revenues from the act.

Elliott said he is making the complaint because of morality, not politics. "This is the kind of thing people are getting sick of," Elliott said. "I never felt like this was right. It has always bugged me how it was passed."

The suit alleges that passing SB 380 was unconstitutional because:

■ It contained both educational policy and

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Rep. T. Mark Elliott
R-Webb City

taxation. The Missouri Constitution states that only appropriation legislation can express more than one subject.

■ A tax amendment was added to the original bill, giving it a new purpose.

■ The bill delegates a portion of the General Assembly's legislative power to the judicial branch.

■ A "contingent clause" was unconstitutionally applied by House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) to less than the full bill.

■ Referendum bills are supposed to go to a

vote of the people, not to the governor. Gov. Mel Carnahan had no authority to sign the legislation.

The Stanfills and Treacy are filing complaints because they believe they have been excluded from certain tax breaks because of the act.

Elliott said a circuit judge, a democrat, ruled that the bill was constitutional, but that there was never a good faith effort to appeal the decision.

Chris Sifford, spokesman for the governor, said Elliott and the others are hurting the futures of children, especially in southwest Missouri.

"It's astonishing to us that anyone supporting education to our children would file such a lawsuit," Sifford said. "If Rep. Elliott gets his way, he will virtually devastate southwest Missouri schools to the tune of about \$9 million."

"It affects Joplin, Carthage, and Jasper County. It even affects Webb City, his own district."

Elliott said the issue is not one of education, but one of taxation and honesty.

"I'm not doing this for a popularity contest," he said. "I just feel in my heart that it's the right thing to do."

Elliott said there has been some unjust criticism about the way southwest Missourians vote on tax increases.

"They will vote for tax increases, but they just want to know where their money is going." □

GRADUATE, FROM PAGE 3

and observe different types of open heart surgery," Rhinehart said. "I found it fascinating."

Next fall, he will enter the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Oklahoma State University. He is confident his education at Southern has prepared him well for medical school.

"Other Southern graduates are doing well in medical school, and they feel they were adequately prepared," Rhinehart said. "Knowing I was going to go to medical school, it was a plus to be able to live at home while attending Southern."

His mentors on campus include Marty Conklin, head athletic trainer, and Dr. Ronnie Prentice, professor of biology.

"They provided a lot of advice and are among the many people responsible for the opportunities I've enjoyed, including this award," Rhinehart said. "I also want to give credit to God."

Off campus, Rhinehart is involved in his church, Fellowship Baptist Church, where he has helped coach a soccer team. He has volunteered at Sunny Jim Little League, painting signs and preparing the field for games.

"There are only two things I've wanted to be—a professional baseball player, which I realized as a freshman or sophomore probably wouldn't happen, then a doctor."

He is the son of Tom and Kathy Rhinehart, Joplin. His father is employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and his mother is a sophomore in the nursing program at Southern. His wife, Melanie, also has attended Southern. □

BASEBALL

Lions capture South Division crown

■ Southern jumps four notches in national polls, hosts Missouri Western in best 2-of-3 mini-series

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

As the baseball Lions wrapped up their second straight South Division title last weekend, Missouri Southern's road to the NCAA Division II World Series is wide open.

Southern will play host to Missouri Western this weekend in a best 2-of-3 mini-series. Two games are scheduled Saturday, beginning

at 1 p.m., with a third game (if necessary) set for 1 p.m. Sunday.

The winner of the series will play in the MIAA championship tournament April 28-30. The highest-ranked South Division team remaining will serve as host.

Southern, 39-8 overall and 17-3 in the MIAA, is No. 1 in the South Division. Western is 18-18 overall and 9-9 in the conference.

"What you are going to see is a great game," said Warren Turner, the Lions' head coach. "In baseball a team can beat another team on any given day. Western is very respectable and has played a tough schedule."

In winning three of four games at Lincoln University last weekend, Southern outscored the Blue Tigers 46-18. The Lions are currently second in scoring and third in hitting in the MIAA.

Turner said he has been shocked with his squad's offense attack this season, but said it has been a pleasure to watch game in and game out.

"We are doing better offensively than I thought we would be at this time," he said. "We have been scoring a lot of runs, and it has not just been one or two players. Several guys are hitting the ball well."

Turner said senior Scott Wright

will get the starting nod in the first game Saturday. Wright (7-2) leads the MIAA in strikeouts with 61 and has an ERA of 3.36.

Dwayne Walters (4-2) will take the mound in the second game, and Andy Hill (3-1) will start in the third contest if needed.

Western head coach Doug Minnis said his team has shown signs of brilliance throughout the season, but he was not pleased with having to play the Lions in the first round.

"I hope we have improved in the last few weeks," he said. "But there are a lot of other teams I would rather be playing than Southern."

Series Showdowns

MIAA playoffs begin Saturday with 8 teams battling for No. 1

BEST 23 MINI-SERIES PLAYOFFS

- No. 4 Missouri Western (18-20, 9-9 MIAA) at No. 1 Missouri Southern (39-8, 17-3 MIAA)
- No. 3 Washburn (24-17, 10-10 MIAA) at No. 2 Missouri St. Louis (28-14, 15-5 MIAA)
- No. 4 Southwest Baptist (18-27, 8-2 MIAA) at No. 1 Central Missouri (34-6, 11 MIAA)
- No. 3 Pittsburg State (23-20, 10-10 MIAA) at No. 2 Northwest Missouri (18-16, 1-9 MIAA)



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Lady Lions sophomore Amber Peterson takes a dive into second base against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Lady Lions are ranked No. 1 in the national polls and will play in Shawnee, Kan.,

SOFTBALL

Ranking irks Lipira heading to playoffs

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Rain kept the Lady Lions from extending their winning streak to 13 games yesterday at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla.

Missouri Southern, 38-3, will travel to Shawnee, Kan., this weekend for MIAA inter-divisional softball games. The South Division teams will get a chance to play each North Division team once.

Coach Pat Lipira said people see Southern's No. 1 national ranking as a sure ticket to the NCAA tournament, but it is not.

"If we play Central this weekend

and lose, then play them again in the conference tournament and lose, that will hurt us in the regional rankings," Lipira said.

Southern currently sits atop the central region rankings followed by Pittsburg State, Central Missouri State, and Wisconsin-Parkside. The central region consists of 27 teams, including the 12 from MIAA.

Lipira said the Lady Lions have handled the pressure of being the No. 1-ranked team in the country well.

"The people who reach their goals love the game," she said. "When you love the game you are out there because you want to be—because you love to play."

TENNIS

Overcoming obstacles goal for Fisher, squad

■ Struggling Lady Lions surprise John Brown, Alloway-Hammet shine

By SCOTT HARR
CHART REPORTER

Hard work, determination, and overcoming obstacles are some of the things the Missouri Southern tennis team can say it has learned this season.

The struggling Lady Lions, coming off a win against John Brown University a week ago, have compiled an overall record of 5-14 this season.

"We are playing in a strong conference," said first-year head coach Jill Fisher.

Fisher said the Lady Lions do not have the skills to compete against some of the other, more talented programs in the conference, but adds that the team has worked hard and it shows.

"We lost to John Brown University earlier in the season with our

No. 3, Becky Blackwell, healthy. Even though she is now injured, we managed to beat them."

The Lady Lions' 6-3 victory against John Brown University came with doubles team wins from Wendy Alloway-Holly Hammett, Amy Lawson-Jaime Dill, and Callie Fry-Codi Berry. Dill, Fry, and Berry also won singles matches.

Alloway said she feels comfortable with her role on the team.

"I have enjoyed playing the No. 1," she said. "It has made me a better player."

She had to assume the role because the Lady Lions' expected No. 1, Melissa Smith, was unable to attend Missouri Southern. Fisher's predecessor, Georgina Bodine, signed Smith last fall.

Southern will travel to Atchison, Kan., on Saturday to battle Baker University and Benedictine College.

The MIAA conference championship is set for April 27-29. □

TRACK & FIELD

Squads gear up for MIAA meet

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

With the MIAA outdoor championships only a week away, the men's track and field coach is hoping his squad won't crumble under pressure on its home track.

"My squad is the best I can get them right now," Tom Rutledge said. "We have had good improvement the last three weeks. Our conference is so tough this year, and with us being as young as we are, we have to depend on some freshmen to fill some voids."

"But all I am hoping is that we see improvement every week, and then I know I am doing my job, and they are doing theirs."

Last weekend at the John Jacobs Invitational in Norman, Okla., the Lions held on strong in a tough field consisting of NCAA Division I and junior college programs.

Rutledge said he received good performances from many members of his squad, especially sophomore sprinter James Thrash

and junior long jumper Albert Bland. Thrash and Bland are also members of the Southern football team.

Thrash ran a 10.09.1 in the 100-meter dash and Bland had a long jump of 22-10. Rutledge said Bland is showing his true form heading into the MIAA showdown.

"These guys (Thrash, Bland) are having to pull double-duty," he said. "With them having to be on the football field they are getting a work out. James is improving his speed, but he was a little tight at Oklahoma. Albert is improving every day."

Rutledge said the Invitational in Norman had one of the best environments for a track and field meet he had ever seen. His team took full advantage of the pleasant conditions, he added.

"We had consistent performances, maybe due to the good weather," he said. "The competition was excellent, and I felt comfortable with our performances."

Sophomore Paul Baker had his best performance in the 800-meter

with a time of 1:53.00.

Seniors Jamie Nofsinger and Scott Tarnowiecky both placed in their events. Nofsinger ran a 4:01.00 in the 1500-meter and Tarnowiecky had a triple jump of 45-0.

On the women's side, head coach Patty Vavra said she is "in the dark" on how her team will perform in the conference meet. Vavra does believe her squad could turn some heads at Hughes Stadium.

"I don't know if you are ever really where you want to be," she said. "I think we are headed in the right direction and we are seeing improvement each week. I think we are close, but a lot of it will be whether we are mentally ready."

At the John Jacobs Invitational, Dalana Lofland placed eighth in the 400-meter with a time of 57.75. Her previous best was 58.40.

Senior Tongula Walker captured first place in the triple jump at 40-3 1/2. She also finished third in the long jump at 19-1 1/2. □



SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Lions Baseball
Saturday & Sunday—MIAA Mini-Series at Joe Becker Stadium.

Lady Lions Softball
Tomorrow & Saturday—MIAA interdivisional tournament at Shawnee, Kan.

Lady Lions Tennis
Saturday—Southern at Baker University, 9 a.m.

Track & Field
Saturday—Southern at University of Arkansas Tyson Invitational.

LIONS BASEBALL

MIAA 1995 Conference Standings (4-18)

| | Con. | Overall |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|
| North Division | | |
| 1. Central Missouri | 13-1 | 34-6 |
| 2. Northwest Missouri | 11-9 | 18-8 |
| 3. Washburn | 10-10 | 24-17 |
| 4. Missouri Western | 9-9 | 18-20 |
| 5. Emporia State | 7-13 | 19-17 |
| 6. Northeast Missouri | 2-16 | 9-28 |
| South Division | | |
| 1. Missouri Southern | 17-3 | 38-8 |
| 2. Missouri-St. Louis | 15-5 | 28-11 |
| 3. Pittsburg State | 10-10 | 21-29 |
| 4. Southwest Baptist | 8-12 | 18-27 |
| 5. Lincoln | 6-13 | 15-27 |
| 6. Missouri-Rolla | 3-16 | 14-28 |



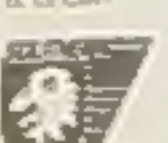
Lions Stats

| Batting | Avg. | RBIs |
|---------------|------|------|
| Tony Curto | .447 | 51 |
| Rod Uluru | .429 | 1 |
| Brad Ward | .418 | 15 |
| Byron Darnell | .371 | 43 |
| Matt Steele | .358 | 10 |
| Pitching | W-L | ERA |
| Rob Sapko | 3-0 | 0.93 |
| Carl Hanvey | 1-0 | 1.29 |
| Scott Wright | 7-2 | 3.26 |
| Dana Morris | 5-0 | 3.54 |
| Bill Heine | 3-1 | 3.69 |

LADY LIONS SOFTBALL

MIAA 1995 Conference Standings (4-18)

| | Con. | Overall |
|-----------------------|------|---------|
| North Division | | |
| 1. Central Missouri | 9-2 | 35-9 |
| 2. Washburn | 8-8 | 23-17 |
| 3. Emporia State | 6-4 | 16-12 |
| 4. Northwest Missouri | 3-5 | 22-14 |
| 5. Northeast Missouri | 3-7 | 9-18 |
| 6. Missouri Western | 1-7 | 14-17 |
| South Division | | |
| 1. Missouri Southern | 10-0 | 38-3 |
| 2. Pittsburg State | 7-5 | 23-6 |
| 3. Missouri-St. Louis | 8-8 | 26-25 |
| 4. Southwest Baptist | 3-8 | 6-16 |
| 5. Missouri-Rolla | 3-7 | 21-18 |
| 6. Lincoln | 1-0 | 6-30 |



Lady Lions Stats

| Batting | Avg. | RBIs |
|----------------|------|------|
| Shelly Lundien | .442 | 40 |
| Ginger Daniel | .415 | 34 |
| Melissa Grider | .389 | 20 |
| Jenni Jamerson | .361 | 30 |
| Jennifer Fabro | .333 | 0 |
| Misty Deaton | .320 | 18 |
| Kim Wilson | .313 | 11 |
| Pitching | W-L | ERA |
| Andrea Clarke | 17-2 | .58 |
| Holly Trantham | 20-1 | .72 |

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MIAA Honors awarded as of 4-18

Baseball—Hitter, Tim Sheeler, 1b, Central Missouri State. Pitcher, Dan Archer, RHP, University of Missouri-St. Louis.
Softball—Hitter, Shelly Lundien, 1b, Missouri Southern. Pitcher, Holly Trantham, RHP, Missouri Southern.
Track & Field—Men's Track, Dinsdale Morgan, Pittsburg State. Men's Field, Brandon Masters, Emporia State. Women's Track, Melanie Lewis, Pittsburg State. Women's Field, Joyce Burnett, Emporia State.
Golf—Darin Baldwin, Central Missouri State.

NEXT ISSUE

Karate in Joplin?
Sounds out of place? Well it isn't, and you will know more when *The Chart* explores the martial arts.

SPORTS COLUMN

Quick quips on how you get to No. 1

Oh, the pressure of being No. 1 in the nation. Everybody wants a piece of the

Lady Lions softball team.

And when yesterday's rankings hummed out of our fax machine, I received word that it would be that way for an entire month.

According to Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, it has been "good, solid softball" that has catapulted the team to this position.

Head coach Pat Lipira agrees, saying the Lady Lions have gelled since the beginning of the season.

"It is a combination of all parts of the game," Lipira said. "If you look at the conference statistics, we are No. 1 in hitting, pitching, and scoring, and No. 2 in fielding. It has been good offense, good defense, and the ability to score runs—that's why we have done so well."

After those words of wisdom, here is a closer look at the Lady Lions' arsenal.

The bat...Southern boasts a .330 team batting average, 21 points over second-place Missouri-Rolla. The Lady Lions' leading hitter, Shelly Lundien, junior first baseman, is hitting .442 and was named MIAA offensive player of the week Tuesday. Lundien also leads the team in RBIs with 40. And sophomore catcher Ginger Daniel is hitting .415 with 34 RBIs.

With sluggers like Lundien and Daniel, and let's not forget Frank Thomas—I mean Melissa Grider—it's easy to see why opposing pitchers fear Southern's lineup.

Many critics make the argument that defense, speed, and pitching are the biggest aspects to one's game. But if you can't hit the ball in the right place, at the right time, those factors can be tossed out the window—and you will lose.

The Lady Lions have proved my point by leading the MIAA with 242 runs scored this season. Thanks for closing the case.

The pitch...Southern's two hurlers have allowed only 24 earned runs this season while compiling an 0.66 ERA. Senior Andrea Clarke, who played a key role in the Lady Lions' '92 national championship, has returned in tip-top shape this season with a 17-2 record and an 0.59 ERA.

Southern's other underhand wonder, sophomore Holly Trantham, stands 20-1 with an 0.72 ERA. She is showing signs of being a significant conference power for the rest of her career.

The glove...At the beginning of the season, many skeptics thought the Lady Lions' weakest link was their middle defense. Now, we will know this was a fallacy.

The Lady Lions are second in fielding percentage, at .958, behind those darn Gorillas from Pittsburg State.

A "complete team" is what Lipira has stressed all season long, and I think she has succeeded.

Post-season play is heading our way, and the Lady Lions are most likely going to be the team everybody will be looking to beat.

Let's just hope Southern can be hoisting a championship trophy above its head soon. □

Nick Parker

Waging War Against DRUNKEN DRIVERS



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Miami High School students staged a mock DWI crash on March 5 in Miami, Okla., with the assistance of the Modoc Indian Tribe, area law enforcement and paramedic personnel.

Crash victim shares story of personal loss

In March 1983 five members of Doug Monroe's family were killed by a drunken driver

By DOUG MONROE
GUEST WRITER

In my senior year at Carl Junction High School, fall of 1982, I played football. It was the first time Carl Junction had ever made it to the state playoffs. I was having a great year.

I went on to play basketball, and that team had a great year, also. I think we were the last winning basketball team Carl Junction had.

I started dating a girl I had liked since moving to this area in 1980. Everything was going great.

In the middle of March 1983, we had a phone call that some relatives had come in from California. They were staying in Liberal, Mo. We planned to visit them on Saturday.

On Saturday morning, March 19, 1983, my brother had bronchitis so my mother was going to stay home with him. I told my mother that the relatives would be more interested in seeing her than me.

I said, "I'll stay home with him. It's no big deal to me."

So my aunt, uncle, mom, dad, and two sisters went to Liberal.

It started raining and getting pretty nasty outside that night. My brother, my girlfriend, and I heard on the 9 p.m. news update that there had been a major wreck on Highway 43. Two cars had hit dead-on going about 60 mph.

My family should have been home, but they weren't. We thought maybe they came

up on the crash and were waiting or helping.

About 9:30 p.m. the news flashed across the television again. My grandmother called several times to see if my parents were home yet.

We waited and waited and were starting to get nervous. My girlfriend's mother came to the house, and I thought that was kind of odd. She had heard on the CB radio that perhaps it was my folks in the crash. She wasn't sure.

We thought, "No, it's not them."

A few minutes later the phone rang.

My grandpa said, "Get your coat. We're going to the hospital."

We grabbed our coats, but the whole time we were thinking, "No, this can't be happening."

Seven hours ago my parents were fine and the last thing I said

to my mom and dad was, "I'll see you when you get home."

My grandparents, cousin, brother, and I made a mad dash for St. John's Hospital. We ran into the emergency room and were told that we had four people there and two others at Freeman Hospital.

My grandpa stayed at St. John's with my sister, Paula, 11. She had a black and blue nose and a sore back. Paula has no recollection of the crash.

At Freeman, a state patrol officer met me at the door.

He said, "Mr. Monroe, I hate to tell you this, but your mother and father are dead. Your sister is here."

My father, Wayne Monroe, died of massive head injuries instantaneously. My mother, Betty Monroe, died of massive internal injuries instantaneously.

I freaked. I was grabbed and put into this little room off the emergency room. Hospital personnel tried to calm me down. My grandmother, brother, and I were freaking out.

Someone had told my cousin that his dad was dead but his mother was still alive. My uncle, Kendall Hight, died from the force of the steering wheel driving through

his chest. My cousin was freaking out.

A doctor came in and told us that the force of the stop had split my aunt's liver. She wasn't wearing a seat belt and her rib cage had cut her liver in half.

She was on the table for nearly five hours before she went to ICU. About 8 a.m. my aunt, Sharon Hight, died. There was too much damage.

My other cousin lived in Kansas City and was going to college. Her engagement pic-

tures were printed in the newspaper the same day as her parents' obituaries.

My sister, Tammy, had been sitting between my dad and uncle in the front seat. Her liver was also split in half. Her head had hit the front window and dash. The doctors said they would do anything and everything they could.

This was my senior year. I shouldn't have to be going through this. I'd been having a good year. I was 18 years old, and I was living through a nightmare.

Tammy was on the table for about seven hours. She had a very strong heart but had used 11 or 12 pints of blood. The doctors were having a hard time getting her blood to clot.

We waited and waited. About 2:30 p.m. Sunday, I was still in shock about my folks when a doctor came to talk to me about my sister. He said they had taken three brain tests of Tammy to see if they could find any kind of activity but there wasn't any.

Tammy was only 14 years old and had the best years of her life ahead of her. We could leave her on life support, but that's the only way she could live.

I went to see her. I had never seen anything like that before and never want to see anything like that again. Her head was the size of a football. Her body was twice its normal size. She was swollen everywhere. Tammy died at 4 a.m. Monday.

Monday afternoon we went to Simpson Funeral Home. I'm 18 years old and I'm picking out three caskets and making funeral arrangements. A few days before I was wondering what I was going to do on the weekend.

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Doug Monroe

"I'm 18 years old and I was living through a nightmare... I'm picking out three caskets and making funeral arrangements. A few days before I was wondering what I was going to do on the weekend."

IMPACT PANEL

Victims speak to offenders

■ Court order says drunken drivers must listen to crash survivors

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Hearing the victim's side of the story, how lives and families were affected by DWI crashes, may change the way drunken drivers view driving while under the influence.

Once a month, victims stand before a room of convicted drunken drivers. The victims speak about the drunken-driving crashes in which they were injured or in which a loved one was killed.

"I started talking at these meetings last October," said Doug Monroe, a panel member. "My grandmother had been doing this before then, but she couldn't do it any more because of her health."

DWI crash victims tell what the crash and its aftermath has meant to them.

"We cry a lot, but we have Kleenex on hand," said Jane Murray, MADD victim impact panel coordinator. "We have so many programs for the offender, but our main emphasis is to help the victim."

Some judges and probation officers require convicted drunken-driving offenders to attend Victim Impact Panel meetings as an element of sentencing. The panel doesn't replace conventional sentencing.

Offenders who fail to attend must return to court for appropriate sanction.

"We don't preach," Murray said. "It's almost all from an emotional standpoint. Some people take no responsibility for what they've done."

Victims never speak to groups in which their own offender is present. There is no interaction between victims and offenders during the panel presentation, but question and answer periods may follow.

"This is an educational effort," Murray said. "We show a film before the panel speaks. The offender fills out a response sheet stating what they saw and felt."

Panel members read the response sheets after the meeting as a means of "debriefing," she said.

"Some people just don't get it," Monroe said. "I should be happy if I reach just one person, but I want more than that. I want to reach every single person in the room."

Response sheets are then passed on to the judges who assigned the offenders to attend the meeting.

"For some of our panelists, it has been 10-15 years since their wreck and it's very enlightening to show offenders how long-term the effects of drunken-driving crashes are," Murray said. "We hope the offender will make better choices than drinking and driving in the future."

"It is not an accident if you drink then get behind the wheel," she added. "It becomes our business when you drive in public after drinking." □

DWI crash statistics

Every 26 minutes, someone dies in an alcohol-related crash.

In Missouri, one person was killed or injured in drinking-related traffic crashes every 1.1 hours in 1993.

Alcohol is involved in nearly 50 percent of all traffic fatalities.

As few as one in 2,000 drunken drivers is ever arrested.

As many as one out of every 10 drivers may be legally drunk on a weekend night.

Two of five Americans are likely to be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Each year, approximately 20,000 people are killed as the result of drunken driving crashes.

More than 20 percent of all 16-20-year-old deaths are caused by alcohol-related crashes.

In Missouri, 82.4 percent of the drinking drivers were

male, 17.6 percent were female, in 1993.

Direct costs of drunken driving crashes are estimated to be \$46 billion yearly.

An additional \$102 billion is lost in quality of life due to these crashes.

Four times as many Americans died in drunk-driving crashes as were killed in the Vietnam War.

Arrests for DUI were highest among the 25-29-year-old age group in 1992.

More than half of the persons jailed for DWI in 1989 had previous DWI convictions.

Drunk-driving crashes account for 26 percent of auto insurance payments.

Of all fatal 1993 Missouri traffic crashes 26.9 percent were drinking related.

These statistics were provided by MADD, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. □

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

MADD seeks to change attitudes

■ Jasper/Newton County chapter president writes about group's history, efforts to change DWI-related laws

By RHONDA BRANHAM
GUEST WRITER

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) was founded in California in 1980 after a girl, 13, was killed by a hit-and-run drunken driver.

The driver had been involved in another hit-and-run drunken-driving incident just two days earlier and was free on bail. The child's mother was not only devastated by her daughter's death but outraged when she learned that nothing had been done to keep the offender off the streets.

An aggressive campaign resulted in California passing the toughest drunken-driving laws in the country at the time.

This astounding success on the West Coast was only the beginning. Shortly thereafter, MADD erupted into a nationwide, non-profit corporation which now has more than 2.95 million members and supporters.

Today, thousands of MADD volunteers are active in over 400 chapters in 48 states, including international affiliates in Canada,

Australia, Great Britain, and New Zealand.

Since 1982, alcohol-related traffic fatalities have decreased by 28.6 percent. In 1982, an estimated 57.2 percent of all traffic fatalities were alcohol-related, for a total of 25,165 deaths.

In 1993, an estimated 43.5 percent of all traffic fatalities were

alcohol-related, for a total of 17,461 deaths. While we have seen a decrease in alcohol-related crashes, 17,461 is still entirely too many preventable and senseless deaths.

Currently in the United States, every 30 minutes someone is killed, and every 26 seconds someone is injured in an alcohol-related traffic collision.

Last year 1.2 million persons were injured in alcohol-related crashes. About two of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related wreck at some time in their lives.

The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is to stop drunken driving and to support victims of

this violent crime.

MADD works to change public attitude and heighten public awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving. The organization labors to strengthen and improve DWI-related laws and fights plea-bargaining, probation, light fines, and sentences. MADD played a leading role in achieving final

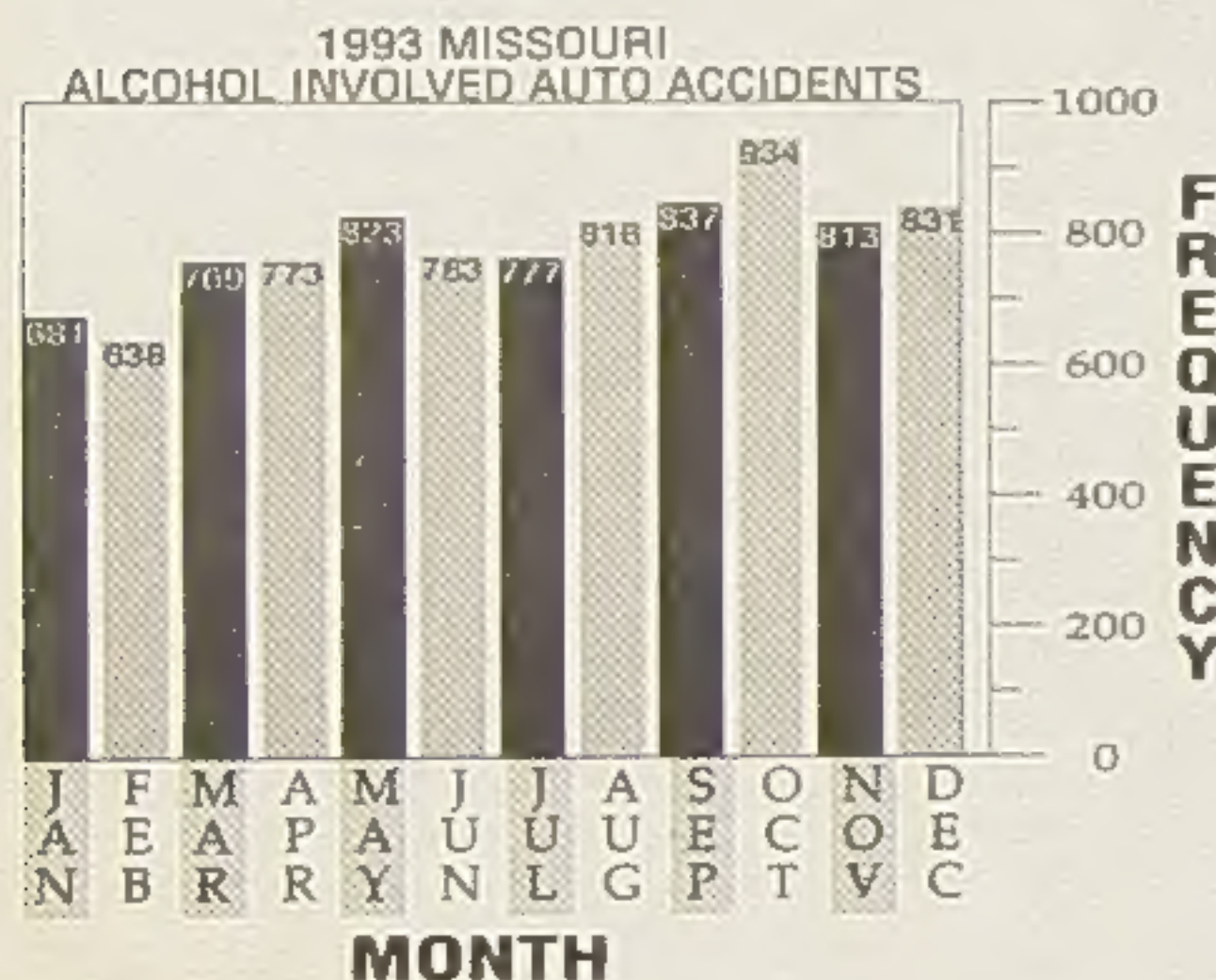
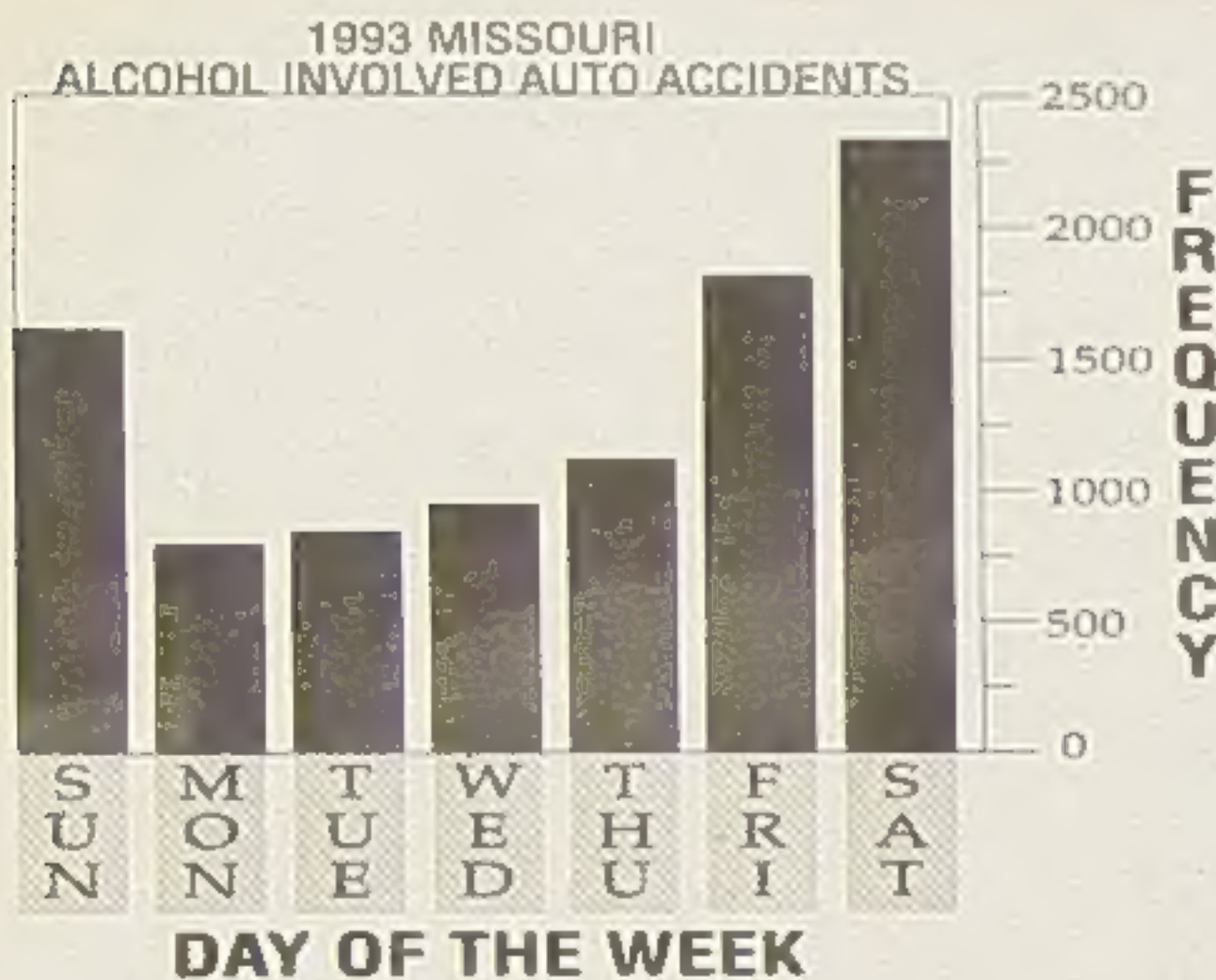
enactment of a permanent nationwide minimum drinking age.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is the voice of the victim. MADD fights for the rights of victims and survivors of alcohol-related collisions in the criminal justice system.

The group is comprised of people around the world concerned

about safe passage on our streets and highways. You need not be a mother to join, anyone can join. You don't need to be a victim to join, as more than 50 percent of our membership is comprised of concerned citizens.

If you would like more information, please write to: MADD, P.O. Box 894, Carthage, MO 64836. □



LAW ENFORCEMENT

Roadblock stops offenders

■ Sobriety checkpoints help police departments catch drunken drivers

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Sobriety checkpoints are often used by police departments to identify impaired drivers and remove those drivers from the roadways.

Motorists suspected of intoxication are given a field sobriety test. Drivers who fail the tests are issued DUI or DWI citations.

"Our purpose is not to see how many people we can put in jail, mainly it's a deterrent," said Charles Brown, Webb City Police sobriety checkpoint supervisor. "This is to keep the streets safe for our public. We had 10 or 11 checkpoints last year. We'll probably have 10 this year, maybe more."

The Department of Public Safety provides grants to police departments that utilize DWI roadblocks. Last year the Webb City Police Department received a cam corder for use in patrol cars. Flares, signs, and officer overtime were paid with the grant funds.

The Joplin Police Department has used sobriety checkpoints in the past but is no longer operating the roadblocks, and currently has

no plans to use checkpoints.

"The amount of personnel and hours required to staff sobriety checkpoints seems better utilized having officers patrol the streets and look for traffic violations," said Lt. Carl Francis of the Joplin Police Department. "That seems to yield more violators than sitting in one place looking for drunken drivers."

According to information from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, sobriety checkpoints are effective in reducing impaired driving and alcohol-related crashes. MADD says drivers report they are less likely to drive after drinking when they know checkpoints are being conducted in the area.

"We started using the checkpoints last year, and I noticed a big drop in the DWI arrest rate," Brown said.

"Most of the people we get at checkpoints are from Joplin, Oronogo, Cartersville, or Carthage. Only a small percentage of people are from Webb City."

MADD presented awards to Brown and Officer Mike Malone of Webb City for making the most DWI arrests of that police department last year.

Webb City police had no DWI arrests in 1995, until Jan. 7, Brown said.

At one checkpoint the officers

might make 30 arrests, but only 10-15 are for DWI. The rest are for open alcohol containers in the vehicle or minors in possession of alcoholic beverages.

"According to the open container and minor in possession laws, if an officer can smell alcohol on the breath of an individual that person can be charged with minor in possession without actually having the container," Brown said.

There are those who protest the one-minute delays at DWI sobriety checkpoints.

Information from Brown made the point that DWI checkpoints are similar to airport metal detectors and security checks established at courthouses to detect potential offenders and deter future acts of violence.

It is estimated that the chance of being caught driving while intoxicated by a police officer on patrol is about one in 2,000. The average arrest rate at a roadblock is one in 200.

"Most of our checkpoint people come through and praise us for the job we're doing, even young people," Brown said. "We've only had two people out of 12 checkpoints complain."

"I've had some people come through who had been victims of a DWI crash and they were full of praise," he added. □



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Andy Maddock, Webb City police officer, arrested a driver suspected of driving while intoxicated at a sobriety checkpoint on March 24.

Missouri DWI Arrest Totals

population

| | 199 | 199 | 199 | 199 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| BLUE SPRINGS 40,103 | 255 | 225 | 193 | 293 |
| CAPE GIRARDEAU 34,475 | 302 | 284 | 297 | 245 |
| COLUMBIA 69,101 | 0 | 211 | 858 | 626 |
| JOPLIN 41,100 | 607 | 511 | 856 | 1,246 |
| KANSAS CITY 435,146 | 6,547 | 6,601 | 5,798 | 5,504 |
| ROLLA 14,090 | 172 | 220 | 206 | 160 |
| CITY OF ST. LOUIS 396,685 | 750 | 1,422 | 927 | 907 |
| SPRINGFIELD 140,494 | 1,177 | 1,106 | 801 | 896 |
| STATE TOTALS | 39,653 | 40,311 | 38,1 | |

LEGISLATION

DWI laws may change

■ Pending legislation may soon impact convicted DWI offenders

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Legislation pending in the Missouri General Assembly will close some loopholes in the existing law for drunk driving offenses.

Under House Bill No. 252, the Department of Revenue is required to immediately suspend or revoke the license of any driver under the age of 21 arrested for driving with a blood alcohol content of .02 percent or greater.

For drivers over 21, the blood alcohol content is .10 percent.

"The difference between this bill and the current 'abuse and lose' law is that enforcement is now an administrative action," said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin). "It used to be up to a judge's discretion. Now it will happen automatically through the Department of Revenue."

Criminal charges may also be filed in connection with a DWI

arrest. Those would be handled through the judicial system, but the revocation of driver's license is independent of those charges.

The loss of driver's license may still be challenged, but defendants would have to prove that either:

- 1) they weren't driving;
- 2) their blood alcohol level was below .02 percent; and
- 3) the equipment was faulty.

Any appeal would be made to the Department of Revenue.

"Under the current law, kids who had a lot of money could fight it and possibly win, depending on the judge," said Burton.

The bill passed the House and has been passed in Senate committee, according to Burton.

"I don't have the exact vote count, but it passed by a large margin in the House," he said. "It shouldn't run into any problem in the Senate."

Any driver whose license is revoked for refusing a test for blood alcohol content must complete an alcohol and drug education program.

The driver must pay a \$60 fee, plus the cost of the program. □

LAW ENFORCEMENT

'Police in Joplin aggressive' in fight for safe city streets

■ DWI arrest rates higher than St. Louis, other towns in state

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

More drunken drivers were arrested in Joplin in 1994 than in St. Louis, Springfield, or Columbia.

Joplin had 1,246 DWI arrests while St. Louis had 1,080 in 1994. Springfield, with a population of 140,494, had 896 drunken-driver arrests.

The police department in Columbia arrested 626 people.

"I was amazed to see how many DWI arrests we had, given our population," said Rhonda Branham, Jasper County MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) chapter president.

Literature printed by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce suggests that Joplin attracts 250,000 or more visitors to its metropolitan area.

The city of St. Louis listed 396,685 people in the 1990 census.

Columbia showed a population of 69,101.

"There appears to be an increase in the number of people drinking and driving but actually there's an increase in the number of people coming into Joplin," said Lt. Carl Francis, Joplin police patrol commander.

Despite the large visitor population, the police department is allowed only enough officers for the city's census population. There has been no change in the number of police officers on the payroll in the last three years, Francis said.

He attributes the increase in DWI arrest numbers to a combination of factors including more awareness on the part of police officers.

"Our officers are highly trained to be on the lookout for signs that a driver is intoxicated," Francis said. "Joplin also has a large out-of-town evening population. Forty to 50 percent of the drivers arrested don't even live in Joplin."

All Joplin police officers are qualified in standard field sobriety testing including the horizontal gaze

nystagmus test. The department also began using blood alcohol testing three to four years ago.

"The Joplin police specifically look for drunken drivers, and if there is any hint of intoxication, the persons are given a field sobriety test," Branham said.

Sgt. Archie Dunn said he believes the police are better skilled at detecting drunken drivers now. Dunn is a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper with 25 years of experience.

"I think the Joplin police put a lot of emphasis on catching drunken drivers," Dunn said.

He added that programs such as MADD and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) have increased public education and awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"I think the media publicity over our high DWI arrest rates may have gotten the word out on the streets that the police in Joplin are aggressive on DWI arrests," Francis said.

"If you drink and drive in Joplin, there's a good chance you'll get arrested." □

CITY OF JOPLIN 1994 DWI ARRESTS

TOTAL ARRESTS: 1,246

Males: 1,006 81%

Females: 240 19%

Avg. Blood Alcohol Test Score: .142
Intoxicated Drivers Involved in Accidents: 91

| AGE | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | % |
|-----------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| 15-20 | 64 | 12 | 76 | 06% |
| 21-25 | 191 | 39 | 230 | 18% |
| 26-30 | 167 | 49 | 216 | 17% |
| 31-35 | 198 | 53 | 251 | 20% |
| 36-40 | 140 | 41 | 181 | 15% |
| 41-45 | 105 | 27 | 132 | 11% |
| 46-50 | 59 | 12 | 71 | 06% |
| 51-60 | 58 | 3 | 61 | 05% |
| 61 & Over | 24 | 1 | 25 | 02% |

Number Of Blood Alcohol Tests
Refused = 221

Preventing DWI crashes

HOW CAN YOU HELP PREVENT DWI CRASHES AND DRUNKEN DRIVING?

(Information provided by MADD.)

Drunken driving is a crime. There are several ways you can help reduce the tragic results of alcohol and other drug-impaired driving.

- Do not refer to incidents caused by alcohol and other drug-impaired drivers as "accidents." These crashes are not accidental because they result from two clear choices:

- (1) to consume alcohol or use other drugs; and
- (2) to drive.

- Never drink and drive and never allow a friend to drink and drive.

- Speak out against alcohol and other drug-impaired driving in your community.

- Support legislation to reform drunk-driving laws. Contact your local, county, state, and federal officials to show your interest and support.

- Monitor drunk-driving cases from the initial report by the arresting officer through the judicial process in your community or county.

- Designate a driver BEFORE you leave the house if your outing involves drinking.

- Encourage your friends to always do the same.

- Start educating your children early with the truth about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

- Refuse to serve alcohol to any young person until he or she is 21 years of age. It's the law.

- Don't drink and drive, particularly with an under 21 person in the vehicle.

- Remember that alcohol—including beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor—is a drug which when consumed leads to impairment.

- Understand that your ability to think clearly and react appropriately can be impaired by alcohol and other drugs long before you become visibly intoxicated.

- Remember that cold showers, coffee, or exercise do not lower the level of intoxication. Only time does that—alcohol burns off much slower than it is consumed.

- Report suspected drunken drivers to the police. □

LOSS, FROM PAGE 1

The funeral was held Wednesday. We went to the cemetery and saw five holes dug for my aunt, uncle, sister, mom, and dad.

My mom and dad had never expected to die in their early 40s. They wanted to see their children grow up and have grandchildren.

I have a son, 8, and twin daughters, the third generation of twins in my family. They will never get to meet their grandparents.

It's very hard to tell a 7-year-old that his grandparents were killed

because two guys couldn't control how much they were drinking.

My sister, Paula Monroe Mientz, was married Aug. 1, 1991. At her wedding, I gave her away instead of her father, which was hard because it shouldn't have been me. She is pregnant. My sister will have to tell her child, or children, why they don't have grandparents on our side of the family.

My cousin has two children. My other cousin had a girl a year ago. These children will never get to

see their grandparents.

The driver of the vehicle that hit my family was almost blood-alcohol dead. He had three points to go. The passenger was worse. They were both killed in the crash. I never heard from the driver's family.

The No. 1 killer of children is alcohol-related deaths.

This madness has to stop.

If you have to drink, stay home. If you want to drive—don't. It's that simple. □

Local DWI Arrest Totals

population

| | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| CARTHAGE 10,747 | 154 | 127 | 126 | 110 |
| JOPLIN 41,100 | 607 | 511 | 856 | 1,246 |
| NEOSHO 9,254 | 92 | 102 | 122 | 119 |
| WEBB CITY 7,000 | 46 | 159 | 190 | 144 |